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ACTION COMICS

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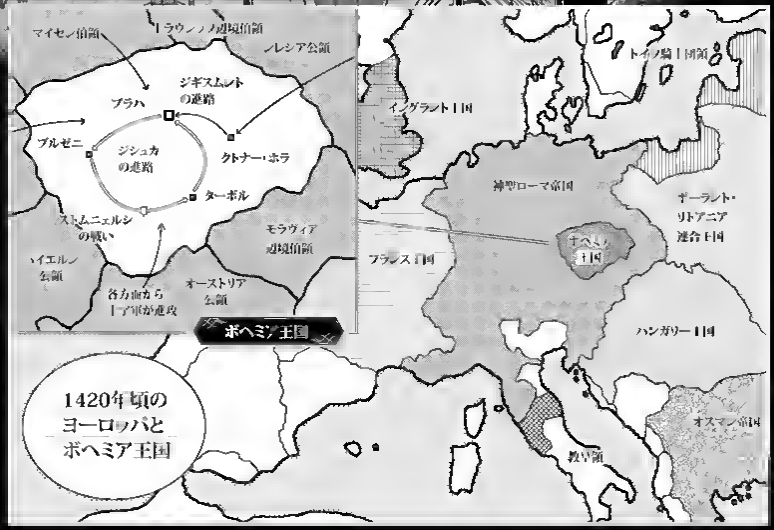
前巻までの物語

1415年、プラハの神学者ヤン・フスは教会の腐敗を批判し、異端者として処刑された。これにより、聖書に基づいた信者の平等を説く「フス派」と、教会の権威を重んじる「カトリック派」の対立が激化。そして1419年、後に言う「フス戦争」が勃発する。

1420年、ボヘミア王国の小さな村が、カトリック派「聖ヨハネ騎士団」により蹂躙される。村の唯一の生き残りの少女シャールカは、フス派義勇軍の傭兵隊長ヤン・ジシュカに《笛》(ピーシュチャラ ※最初期の銃)を授けられ、兵士となる道を選ぶ。

ヤン・ジシュカは、カトリック派の追撃をかわしつつ、信仰心篤い農民や女性、子供までも隊へと編成し《ターボル軍》を結成する。そしてカトリック派《十字軍》の大群が取り囲むボヘミア王国の首都プラハへと通りつく――。



登場人物紹介

ガブリエラ

元修道女で、ヤン・ジシュカに殺された《山》の指導者ミクラーシュを敬愛、崇拝している。

ターニャ

農民の娘で、一家は全財産を売り、家を焼き払って《山》へ入り、ターボル軍の兵士となった。

ヴラスタ

ヤン・ジシュカの部下。
男勝りの剣技を誇る女傑。

Husité | フス派

シャールカ

ボヘミアの農民の娘。カトリック派の騎士の襲撃で陵辱され、家族を失う。ヤン・ジシュカと出会い、フス派の兵士になる。

ヤン・ジシュカ

歴戦の傭兵隊長。フス派の急進派。信仰心篤い農民や女性、子供までも隊へと編成し《ターボル市》を結成する。

Katolici | カトリック派

ヴィルヘルム・フォン・シュバルツ

カトリック派。ドイツ騎士団員。フス派との決派の地《プラハ》を目指す。黒塗りの甲冑をまとい「黒騎士」とも呼ばれる。

ジギスムント

神聖ローマ皇帝(兼ハンガリー王)。フス派の筆頭者「ヤン・フス」を処刑し「フス戦争」勃発の引き金を引いた張本人。

バルバラ

皇帝ジギスムントの后。ドラゴン騎士団の創設者。

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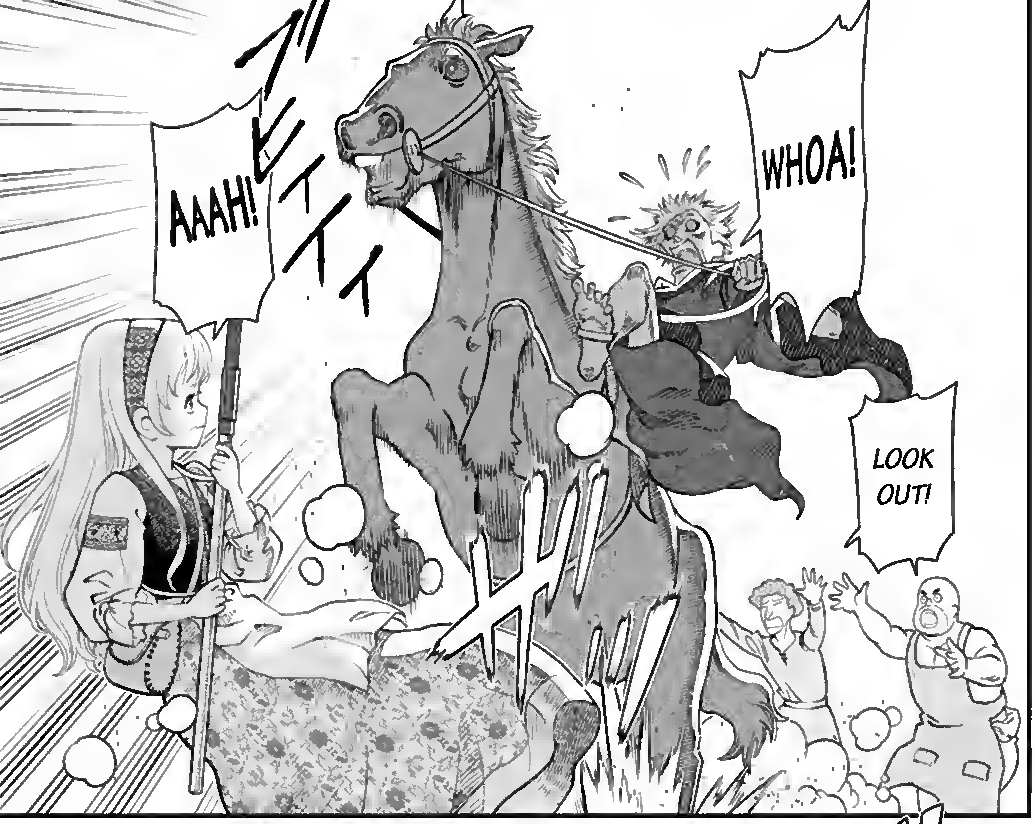
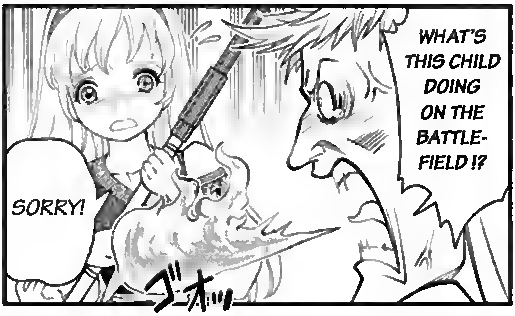
OUR FAITH STANDS ON THE BRINK OF ANNIHILATION!
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
RIDING OUT IS TOO DANGEROUS!
FATHER, STOP!
THE ENEMY WILL SPOT YOU!
A'' A'' A''
THEY'RE UP ON THE HILL!
!
THAT DAMN ŽIŽKA CERTAINLY TOOK HIS BLOODY SWEET TIME!


AAAH!
ヒヒーン
WHOA!
LOOK OUT!


WHAT'S THIS CHILD DOING ON THE BATTLE-FIELD!?
SORRY!
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CRACK

THAT'S RIGHT! WE'VE COME TO JOIN THE FIGHT!
WHO ARE YOU ANY-WAY?
WE MAY BE CHILDREN, BUT WE'RE SOLDIERS TOO!
WHAT!?

OWW... OWW..
FATHER ŽELIVSKÝ!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

HALLO, FATHER ŽELIVSKÝ! STILL FIERY AS EVER, EH?
ŽIŽKA, EXPLAIN YOURSELF!
WHEN YOU LEFT LAST YEAR, YOU SAID YOU'D RETURN WITH REINFORCEMENTS!
AND I'VE KEPT MY WORD: TWO THOUSAND ELITE WARRIORS AT THE READY!
HEY I AM WITH THEM!
ELITE? YOU MEAN THIS BAND OF PEASANTS I?
WITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN TOW, NO LESS!
BETTER BRACE YOURSELF, ŽIŽKA...
'COS THAT TYRANT'S NOW THE KING OF BOHEMIA!
WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT'S GOTTEN YOU SO RILED UP?
IF YOU'RE AS POORLY FUNDED BY YOUR LEADERS AS I AM, YOU CAN'T ALWAYS AFFORD—
WHAT WAS THAT!?
UHH... IS HE ON OUR SIDE?
HE'S A HUSSITE PRIEST FROM THE CAPITAL, YES!

HOLY CROWN OF HUNGARY
IMPERIAL CROWN OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE
TO RAPTUROUS APPLAUSE, CAN YOU BELIEVE IT!
HE ALREADY HAS TWO CROWNS TO HIS NAME. AND NOW HE HAS A THIRD..
SIGISMUND WAS CROWNED AT THE CASTLE?
WELL, THAT'S EMBARASSING
THEY WAIVED OUR "FOUR ARTICLES", AND HAVE AGREED TO SURRENDER UNCONDITIONALLY!
BUT THOSE COWARDLY NOBS FROM THE "OLD TOWN" ALL CAVED IN!
NATURALLY, US PRAGUERS FROM THE "NEW TOWN" ARE PREPARED TO RESIST TO THE LAST!
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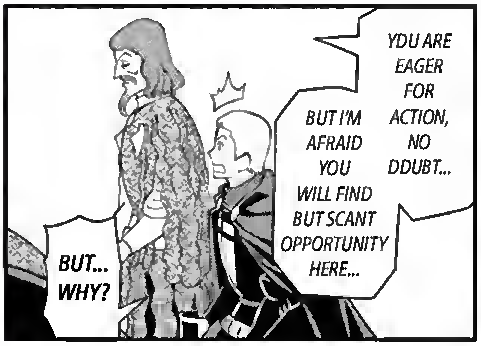
ONE OF THE MAJOR CITIES OF LATE-MEDIEVAL EUROPE, PRAGUE WAS AT THE HEART
OF MUCH THAT WENT ON DURING THIS TURBULENT PERIOD
WE MUST HURRY!
THEY'RE ABOUT TO HAND OVER THE CITY!
SURRENDERING
HOW TIRESOME!
TSK

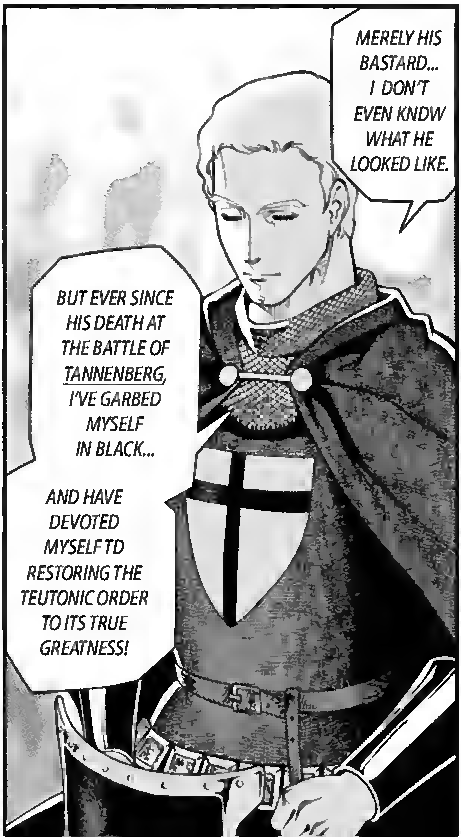
IT WAS FROM HERE THAT THE THOUGHTS AND IDEAS OF A UNIVERSITY THEOLOGIAN NAMED JAN HUS, AND HIS CRITICISMS OF CORRUPTION WITHIN THE CLERGY, BEGAN SPREADING RAPIDLY...
VIEWING HIM AS A THREAT, THE CHURCH, WITH SIGISMUND'S HELP, HAD HUS BURNED AT THE STAKE AS A HERETIC
BUT IN SPITE OF THIS, THE HUSSITE MOVEMENT CONTINUED TO GROW IN PROMINENCE...
THEN, IN JULY 1419...
A RADICAL HUSSITE PRIEST NAMED JAN ŽELIVSKÝ LED A MOB WHICH STORMED THE PRAGUE CITY HALL...
AND KILLED SEVEN CITY COUNCILLORS BY THROWING THEM OUT THE WINDOW
REELING FROM THIS NEWS, THE BOHEMIAN KING WENCESLAUS IV DIED OF A STROKE SOON AFTER...
AND WAS SUCCEEDED BY HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, SIGISMUND
HOWEVER, THE HUSSITES, BELIEVING HIM TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR JAN HUS' DEATH, REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE SIGISMUND AS KING

AS A CRUSADER ARMY MARCHED INTO BOHEMIA, INTENT ON DESTROYING HERESY...
AND THUS BEGAN THE HUSSITE WARS
INDEED...
WHAT AN EXTRA-ORDINARY CAMP, SIR WILHELM!
ALL OF EUROPE IS GATHERED HERE!
WALLACHIA, FRANCE, POLAND, HOLLAND...
AND OVER HERE, KNIGHTS FROM ARAGON, ENGLAND...
DUKE OF BAVARIA, DUKE OF AUSTRIA, MARGRAVE OF MEISSEN, ARCHBISHOP OF COLOGNE...

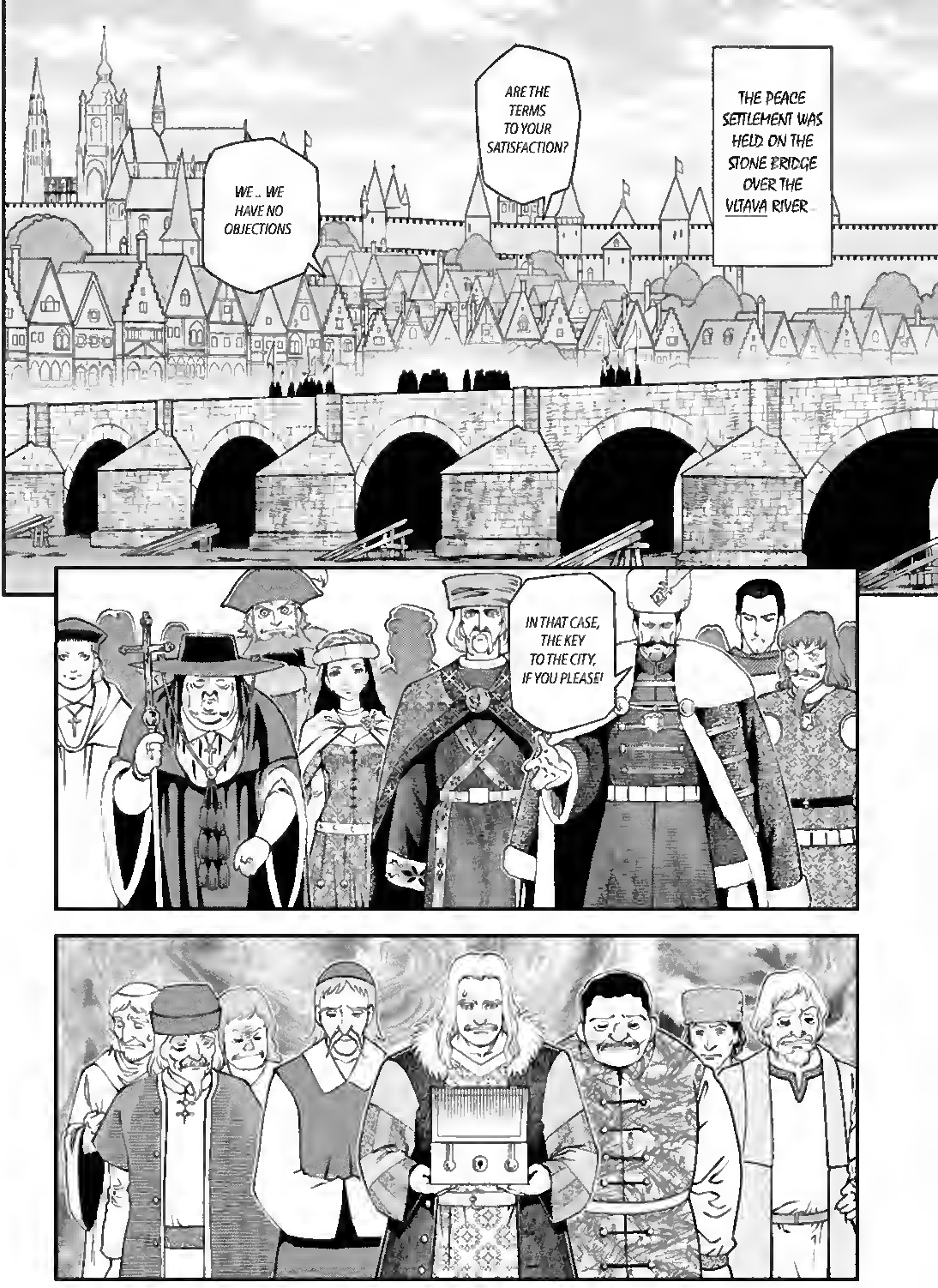
SIR WILHELM VON SCHWARTZ?
YOU'RE IN LUCK!
I AM HIS MAJESTY'S CHIEF ADVISOR!
COUNT FILIPPO SCOLARI?
IT IS AN HDNOUR, SIR, TO MEET YOU...
ONE OF THE "DRACONISTS"!
I HEAR YOU ARE THE SDN OF GRAND MASTER ULRICH VDN JUNGINGEN...
SD...


YDU ARE EAGER FOR ACTION, NO DDUBT...
BUT I'M AFRAID YOU WILL FIND BUT SCANT OPPORTUNITY HERE...
BUT... WHY?

HA HA HA... WE'RE ABDUT TO SETTLE THE PEACE!
IT SEEMS THE SIGHT OF OUR ARMY HAS PUT DFF THE ENEMY'S APPETITE FDR WAR!


MERELY HIS BASTARD... I DON'T EVEN KNDW WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE.
BUT EVER SINCE HIS DEATH AT THE BATTLE OF TANNENBERG, I'VE GARBED MYSELF IN BLACK...
AND HAVE DEVOTED MYSELF TD RESTORING THE TEUTONIC ORDER TO ITS TRUE GREATNESS!

THIS IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO EXTEND YOUR RENOWN ACROSS EUROPE!
A JOUSTING TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN OF BOHEMIA!
SO, PEACE...
HERE, HOW ABOUT THIS INSTEAD?
AND ALL THIS TIME, I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO BE A KNIGHT IN BATTLE...
I SEE...
AND COUNT SCOLARI SEEMS TO BE LOOKING AHEAD ALREADY..
THE ATMOSPHERE HERE FEELS SO CALM...


WE .. WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS
ARE THE TERMS TO YOUR SATISFACTION?
THE PEACE SETTLEMENT WAS HELD ON THE STONE BRIDGE OVER THE VLTAVA RIVER
IN THAT CASE, THE KEY TO THE CITY, IF YOU PLEASE!

PARDON MY ASKING, BUT WHAT IS A WOMAN DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
HMM? OH, YOU HAVEN'T MET HER MAJESTY YET...
THE OTHER SIDE LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE ATTENDING A FUNERAL!
I'M NOT SURPRISED... THIS PACT IS A COMPLETE AND TOTAL DEFEAT FOR THEM!
I'D BE BETTER OFF FIGHTING IN SPAIN...
WHAT'S THE POINT IN TAKING PART IN A JOUST?
WHAT A BEAUTY!
SOME EVEN BELIEVE HER TO BE THE "REAL" RULER OF THE EMPIRE!
THIS REMARKABLE LADY IS THE FOUNDER OF THE "ORDER OF THE DRAGON"!
NOT SO FAST! NOT YET!

NOT YET! DON'T HAND OVER THE KEY YET!
WE REGRET HAVING TO MAKE THIS CHOICE!
IF WE DON'T, THEY'LL REDUCE PRAGUE TO ASHES!
TRAITORS! SAVING YOUR OWN PATHETIC LIVES INSTEAD OF DEFENDING THE TRUE FAITH!
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JAN ŽIŽKA! FATHER ŽELIVSKÝ!
COME, COME LET'S ALL REMAIN CALM AND TALK ABOUT THIS
TSK. A LITTLE LATE TO BE IN-FIGHTING, AREN'T THEY?

WE KNOW YOU'VE COME TO ADVOCATE WAR, ŽIŽKA, BUT...
DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT HERE TO CHANGE YOUR MIND!
I ONLY ASK YOU TO HEAR ME OUT BEFORE YOU PROCEED!
WE WILL NOT ENTER PRAGUE.
INSTEAD, WE WILL FACE THE CRUSADERS OURSELVES!
WHAAA...?
WHAT'S HE SAYING?*
BOTH SIDES CAN SEE THE HILL WHERE WE'RE CAMPED AT...
IF MY TWO THOUSAND TABORITES CAN CRUSH THEM,
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'LL OBJECT, EH?

* NOTE THE VARIANT FONTS USED TO INDICATE THE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES BEING SPOKEN IN THIS MANGA (IN THIS CASE, CZECH & GERMAN)

...
DID I HEAR?
HE'S FIGHTING WITH ONLY TWO THOUSAND MEN?
YOU UNDERSTAND CZECH— DID HE ACTUALLY SAY TWO THOUSAND?
...!
LET'S GET TO WORK!
Y. . YES?
AND NEARLY HALF OF THOSE ARE KNIGHTS!
PREPOSTEROUS! THE ENEMY NUMBERS OVER 100,000 STRONG!
YOU'RE MAD TO FACE THEM IN THE OPEN!
ŠÁRKA!

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G-GREETINGS!
SHE SAYS...
"GREET-INGS"!
DON'T STUTTER!
SORRY!
W-WE
THE W-WARRIORS OF TÂBOR, LOYAL SERVANTS OF GOD.
IN THE NAME OF THE ARCHANGEL M-M-MICHAEL...

YAHHH!
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AT NOON TDMORRDW, DN V-V-VÍTKOV HILL, JUSTICE WILL BE SERVED!
WE HEREBY DECLARE W-WAR ON THE TREACH-EROUS DESPDT S-S-SIGISMUND!
LOOKS BIG...
A GAUNT-LET?
CLANG!
THIS GAUNTLET BELONGED TO HEINRICH VON STRAKONICE, OF THE "KNIGHTS HOSPITALLER"!
!?
THIS IS A GRAVE AND SOLEMN MATTER! ARE YOU A PARTY TO THIS?
LORD WARTENBERG, WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS CHARADE?
I ASSURE YOU, WE ARE NOT

THAT FEAR-SDME FORCE DF NATURE, OVERCDME BY A LITTLE GIRL?
STUFF AND NON-SENSE!
AND BEHDLD, THE DNE WHD DEFEATED HIM!
GO ON, TELL THEM!
HUH? OH, RIGHT..
I S-SHOT WITH MY PÍST'ALA, LIKE LIKE THIS
AND I H-H-HIT HIS RIGHT ARM..
AND THEN... THEN HE F-FELL
AND AT THE SDUND OF HER FLUTE, YDUR KNIGHTS WILL COLLAPSE IN A POOL OF BLOOD!
THIS CHILD IS DUR ANGEL DF WAR ..
NEITHER DO I..
SHE ATTACKED HIM WITH A FLUTE? I DON'T GET IT...

WE EXPECT YOUR MIGHTIEST ASSAULT IN RESPONSE!
WE ARE THE TRUE WARRIORS OF GOD!
AND YOUR THOUSANDS OF SO-CALLED "CHRISTIAN" SOLDIERS ARE NOTHING TO US!

THAT'S ENOUGH OUT OF YOU!
SHUT UP, ŽIŽKA!
BLASPHEMY! ARROGANT PRIDE!
HOW OARE YOU...
PALATINE GARAI, COUNT SCOLARI...
THIS IS A SHAMELESS PROVOCATION, SIRE! THERE'S NO NEED TO ANSWER.
YOUR MAJES-TY?
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HA HA HA!
MY LORD?
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME I HEARD HIM LAUGH?
PFFT...
HA HA...
YOU FORGET THE REAL PURPOSE OF THIS CAMPAIGN IS NOT TO CLAIM THE BOHEMIAN THRONE, OR TO PLUNDER ITS WEALTH...
HUH?

OUR HOLY CRUSADE WILL OBLITERATE EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU!
ABOMINABLE HERETICS... AS WARRIORS OF GOD? HOW LAUGHABLY ABSURD!

SO BE IT! ♪

I THANK THEE, LORD...
FOR YOUR GLORY...
FOR ALLOWING ME TO FIGHT...
AND FOR THE RADIANT BEAUTY WHO WATCHES US.
FOR THE HONOUR OF THE KNIGHT..
HE WENT COMPLETELY UNSCATHED!
WHAT A JOUSTER!
THE WINNER: SIR WILHELM VON SCHWARTZ!

I SEE THAT THIS "BLACK KNIGHT" HAS CAUGHT HIS MAJESTY'S ATTENTION!
INDEED HE HAS!
HE'S VERY STRONG!
LOOKS LIKE HIS ENCOUNTER WITH THE EMPRESS WAS ENOUGH TO REKINDLE THE BOY'S ARDOUR
JUST AS LONG AS NOTHING UNTOWARD HAPPENS...
THE CROWN AND THE WINNER'S PRIZE!
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O NOBLE AND LOVELY LADY...
I HAVE BUT ONE WISH..
TO ONE DAY BE WORTHY OF YOUR LOVE!
WELL! ♪
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BRAVO, SIR KNIGHT!
STEP FORWARD AND CLAIM YOUR TROPHIES...

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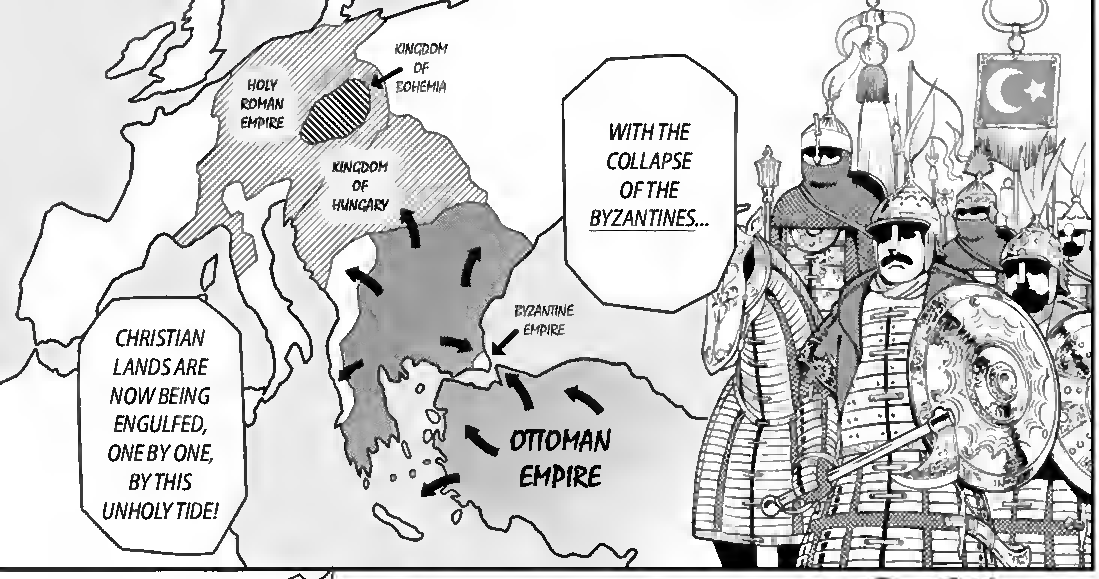
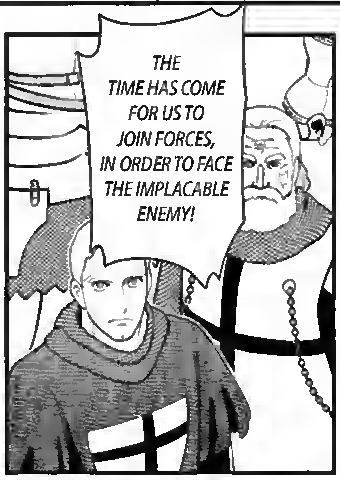
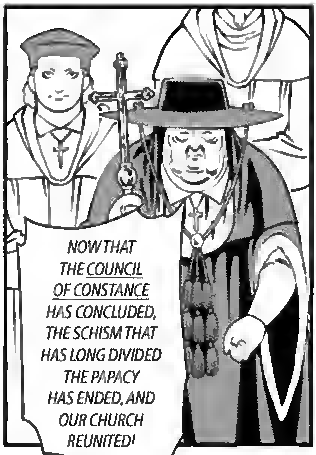
THAT'S NAUGHTY!
I KNOW JUST HOW HE FEELS!
OOH... SHE THREW DOWN ONE OF HER DRESSES!
AND I WILL OFFER A MORE SUITABLE REWARD!
FIGHT VALIANTLY FOR MY HUSBAND, SIR KNIGHT...
MY LADY, TOMDRRDW I SHALL SMITE THE HERETICS IN YDUR NAME!

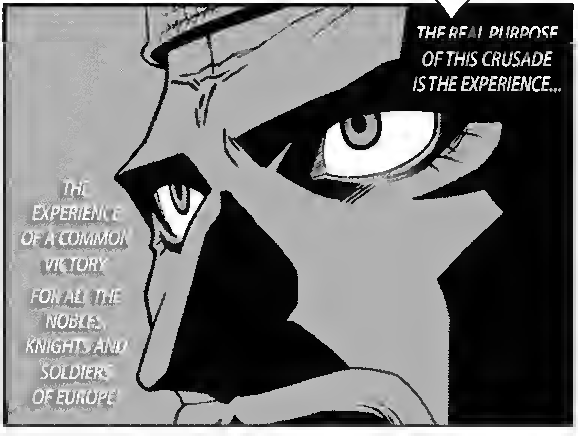
HEAR YE, HEAR YE!
HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR SPEAKS!
TOMORROW, WE ATTACK THAT HILL TO THE EAST!
BUT KNOW THAT THE REAL ENEMY LIES BEYOND!
THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE, THE LAND OF THE INFIDELS!


KINGDOM OF BOHEMIA
HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE
KINGDOM OF HUNGARY
BYZANTINE EMPIRE
OTTOMAN EMPIRE
CHRISTIAN LANDS ARE NOW BEING ENGULFED, ONE BY ONE, BY THIS UNHOLY TIDE!
WITH THE COLLAPSE OF THE BYZANTINES...


THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO JOIN FORCES, IN ORDER TO FACE THE IMPLACABLE ENEMY!


NOW THAT THE COUNCIL OF CONSTANCE HAS CONCLUDED, THE SCHISM THAT HAS LONG DIVIDED THE PAPACY HAS ENDED, AND OUR CHURCH REUNITED!

A TIDE THAT ALL OF CHRISTENDOM MUST RESIST!

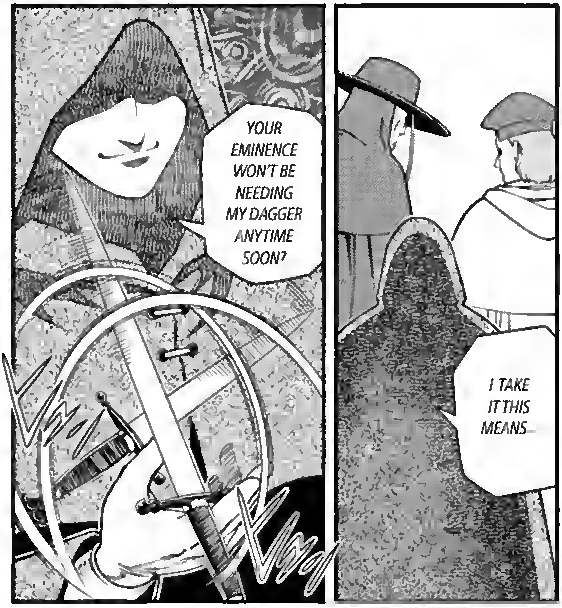

THE REAL PURPOSE OF THIS CRUSADE IS THE EXPERIENCE...
THE EXPERIENCE OF A COMMON VICTORY
FOR ALL THE NOBLES, KNIGHTS AND SOLDIERS OF EUROPE!

OUR ACTION AGAINST THE BOHEMIAN HERETICS IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP!

TAKE UP THE SWORD!
AND SLAY THE ENEMIES OF GOD!
CRUSADERS!
TRUE SOLDIERS OF CHRIST!
AND THOSE FANATICS ON THAT HILL ARE THE PERFECT TARGET FOR MY PLAN TO WORK!
I NEED AN ENEMY TO FIGHT...

LONG LIVE THE CRUSADE!
!
!
IF ANYONE CAN RETAKE JERUSALEM, IT IS THIS MAN!
WOW.. HE IGNITED THE WHOLE CROWD IN AN INSTANT!
WE WILL FOLLOW YOU TO THE EAST!
DOWN WITH THE HERETICS AND INFIDELS, YEAH!
HE HAS AN IRRESISTIBLE VOICE, DOES MY HUSBAND! ♡
SINCE HE'S ALREADY FOUGHT THE INFIDELS IN THE EAST, HIS WORDS ARE BOUND TO CARRY MORE WEIGHT, TOO!
THE EMPEROR HAS RALLIED THEIR HEARTS!
HIS HOLINESS WILL BE PLEASED!
HEH HEH HEH! NOW THAT THE EMPEROR IS ALLIED WITH THE CHURCH, HIS PRESTIGE WILL GO UP SIGNIFICANTLY...
BRANDA DA CASTIGLIONE
CARDINAL AND PAPAL LEGATE
THE MAN HAS SOME TALENT!
USING AN EXTERNAL FOE TO SHORE UP HIS POSITION INTERNALLY...

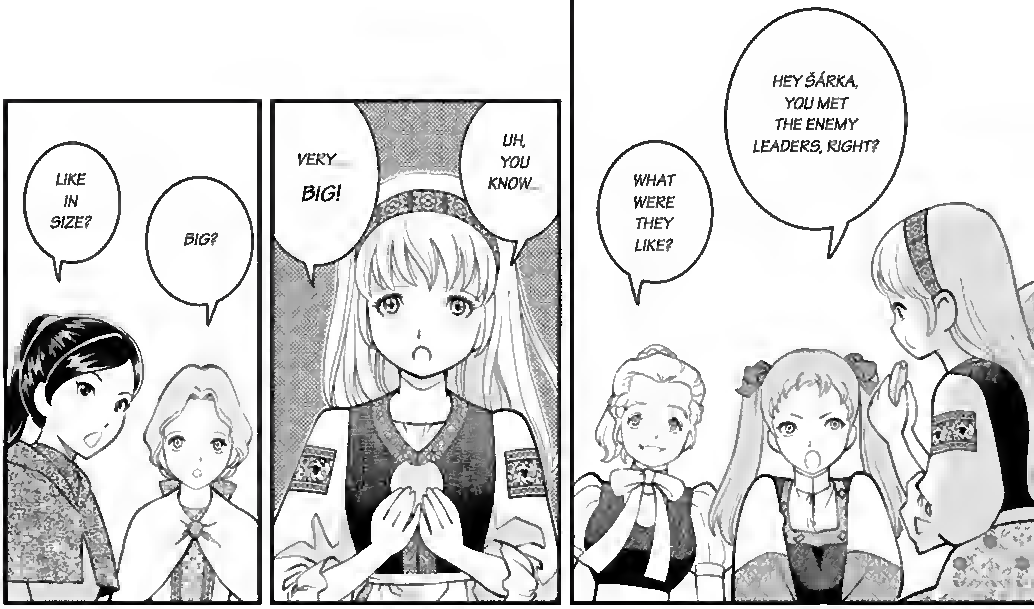
RAH!
RAH!

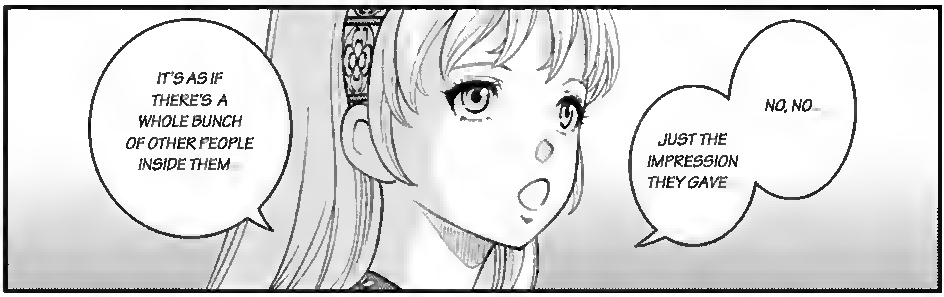

YOUR EMINENCE WON'T BE NEEDING MY DAGGER ANYTIME SOON?
I TAKE IT THIS MEANS...

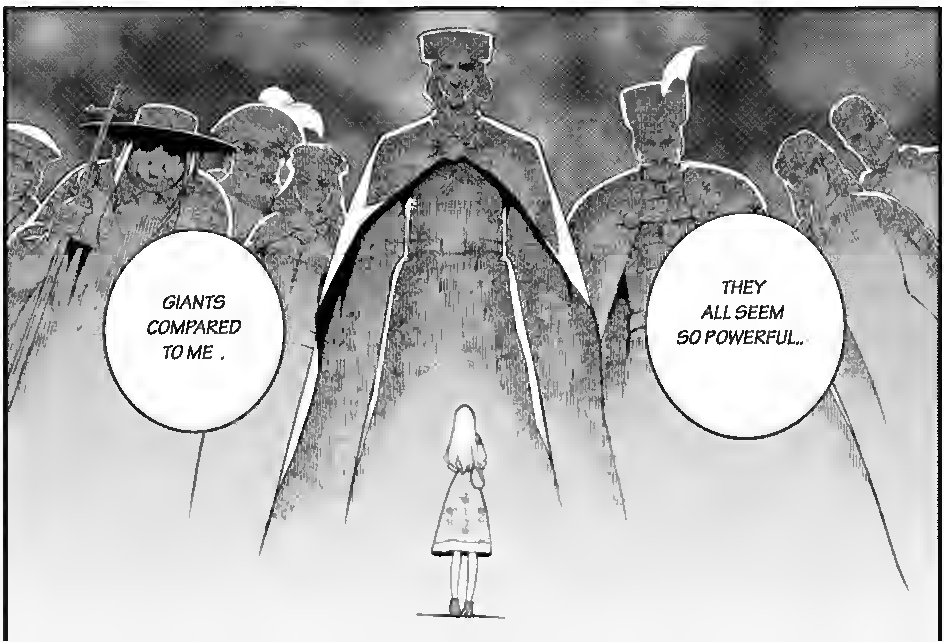
WHILE OVER HERE, THERE'S NOTHING BUT SILENCE...

THEY SOUND AWFULLY EXCITED OVER THERE...

NOT A BAD IDEA!
WHAT IF WE TRIED SINGING AGAIN?
THINK EVERY-BODY'S AFRAID?


LIKE IN SIZE?
BIG?
VERY BIG!
UH, YOU KNOW...
WHAT WERE THEY LIKE?
HEY ŠÁRKA, YOU MET THE ENEMY LEADERS, RIGHT?


IT'S AS IF THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF OTHER PEOPLE INSIDE THEM
NO, NO... JUST THE IMPRESSION THEY GAVE


GIANTS COMPARED TO ME .
THEY ALL SEEM SO POWERFUL...

YOU'RE SKINNING IT HERE?
HALLO VLASTA!
THEY DO HAVE POWER, YES, BUT NOT AS GREAT AS THE EMPEROR'S!
DON'T FORGET THE KNIGHTS!
CAUGHT A RABBIT!
JUST ONE SINGLE ORDER FROM A KING OR NOBLE CAN AFFECT THE MASSES...
THAT'S WHAT POWER DOES...
IN SOME CASES, THEY CAN SWEEP ASIDE TROOPS TEN TIMES LARGER.
WHEN THEY'RE MOUNTING A CHARGE IN FULL GEAR, NOTHING CAN STOP THEM...
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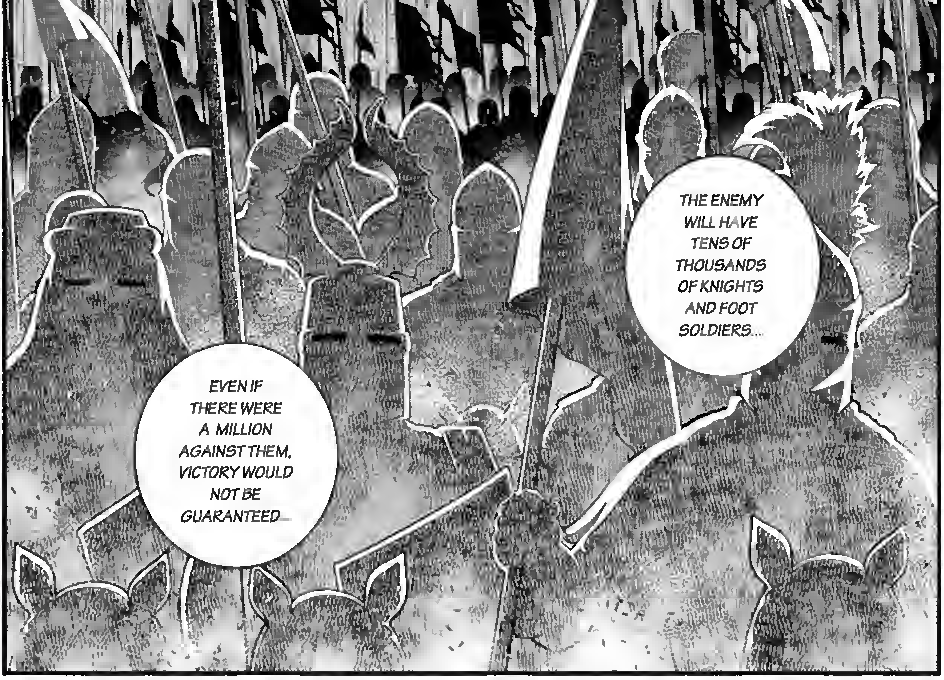
WE'RE FIGHTING THEM TOMORROW, RIGHT?
AND THEY'RE DEFINITELY STRONGER THAN YOUR AVERAGE GUY!
THAT'S HOW THEY CAN AFFORD HORSES AND ALL THAT ARMOUR.
WELL, FOR STARTERS, ALL THE KNIGHTS AND VASSALS OWN LAND...


THE ENEMY WILL HAVE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF KNIGHTS AND FOOT SOLDIERS...
EVEN IF THERE WERE A MILLION AGAINST THEM, VICTORY WOULD NOT BE GUARANTEED...

WE HAVE NO CHANCE OF WINNING..

MORE THAN HALF OF WHICH HAVE NO EXPERIENCE AND NO ARMOUR...
WE NUMBER TWO THOUSAND..

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

AT LEAST, IN THE CONVENTIONAL SENSE!

THAT MAY BE, BUT...
EVERYONE EXPECTS US TO BE WIPED OUT IN A FLASH!
TOMORROW'S BATTLE SHOULDN'T EVEN BE CALLED THAT...
NEED A POT?
VLASTA IS RIGHT, Y'KNOW...
THANKS, ROHÁČ!
THAT'LL DO NICELY!
CAPTAIN ŽIŽKA HAS PLANNED THIS BATTLE FOR A LONG TIME...
ME, I FEEL A MIRACLE IS UPON US!
AND WE WON'T BE TREMBLING IN OUR BOOTS NEITHER!
SPEAKING AS AN EXPERIENCED MERCENARY, OF COURSE!
SOMETHING TELLS ME THE CAPTAIN'S PLAN IS GOING TO WORK...
HE DID ALL THAT, IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS HOUR...
AND ASSEMBLED A NEW ARMY MADE UP OF PEASANTS, WOMEN AND CHILDREN...
ALL READY TO COOK! ♪
HE ASKED ME TO MAKE ALL THOSE TINY GUNS, .

PERHAPS TOMORROW, WE WILL SEE THIS MAN SHAKE CONVENTION TO THE CORE!

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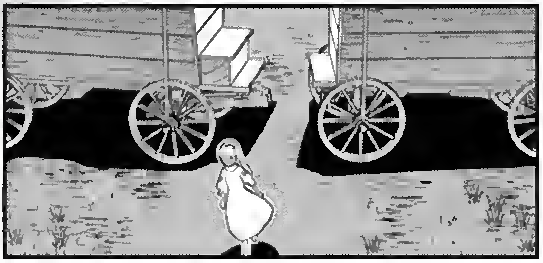

CAPTAIN ŽIŽKA?

DRIP DRIP

BRRR!

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CAN'T SLEEP EITHER, TANJA?
WHERE'S ŠÁRKA?
GONE TO MAKE PEE-PEE
WHAT?
ONCE, IN MY VILLAGE, I SAW MY FRIEND KILLED RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME...
WE WERE WALKING TOGETHER WHEN A KNIGHT ON HORSEBACK BROKE INTO A GALLOP
TANJA
SOUNDS KINDA LIKE WHAT HAPPENED AT OUR PLACE!
ANETA?
THAT'S HORRIBLE!
THE VILLAGERS WERE FURIOUS, BUT WHEN THEY TRIED TO REDRESS THE SITUATION, OUR LORD SIDED WITH THE KNIGHT AND RAISED OUR TAXES INSTEAD
THERE WERE OTHER THINGS AS WELL, AND THAT'S WHY WE ALL LEFT FOR "THE MOUNT".

OUR LORD WAS BIG ON HUNTING, SO HE BANNED US ALL FROM ENTERING THE FOREST
WE DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO CUT WOOD OR FATTEN THE PIGS FOR WINTER, BUT HE TURNED A DEAF EAR TO OUR COMPLAINTS
OUR LORD WAS A GOOD MAN, BUT SOME OF HIS VASSALS WERE AWFUL
NOBODY'S SLEEPING?
THEY WERE TORTURING AND KILLING HUSSITE PREACHERS FOR THEIR OWN AMUSEMENT!
WELL, SURELY GOD WOULD NOT WANT A WORLD...
WHERE THE STRONG BULLY THE WEAK!
THAT'S TRUE!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
CAPTAIN ŽI...
AND YET, I STILL DON'T KNOW IF JUSTICE LIES WITH US...
FATHER MIKULÁŠ, I FIGHT WITH THE OTHERS NOW...
WE MUST WIN TOMORROW!

IS HE WITH VLASTA?

COME OVER HERE!
UH... SORRY!
WHILE I DO LIKE SPYING ON PEOPLE, I DO NOT LIKE BEING SPIED UPON!
PLUCK!
OUCH!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, MY "ANGEL OF WAR"!
BUT... IF YOU REALLY DO CARRY GOOD FORTUNE WITH YOU, I WILL HAVE MADE AN INCREDIBLE DISCOVERY...
YOU CAN THROW IN AS MANY MEN AS YOU WANT, BUT IN THE END, IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE WILL OF GOD...
ONE NEVER TRULY KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON THE BATTLEFIELD...

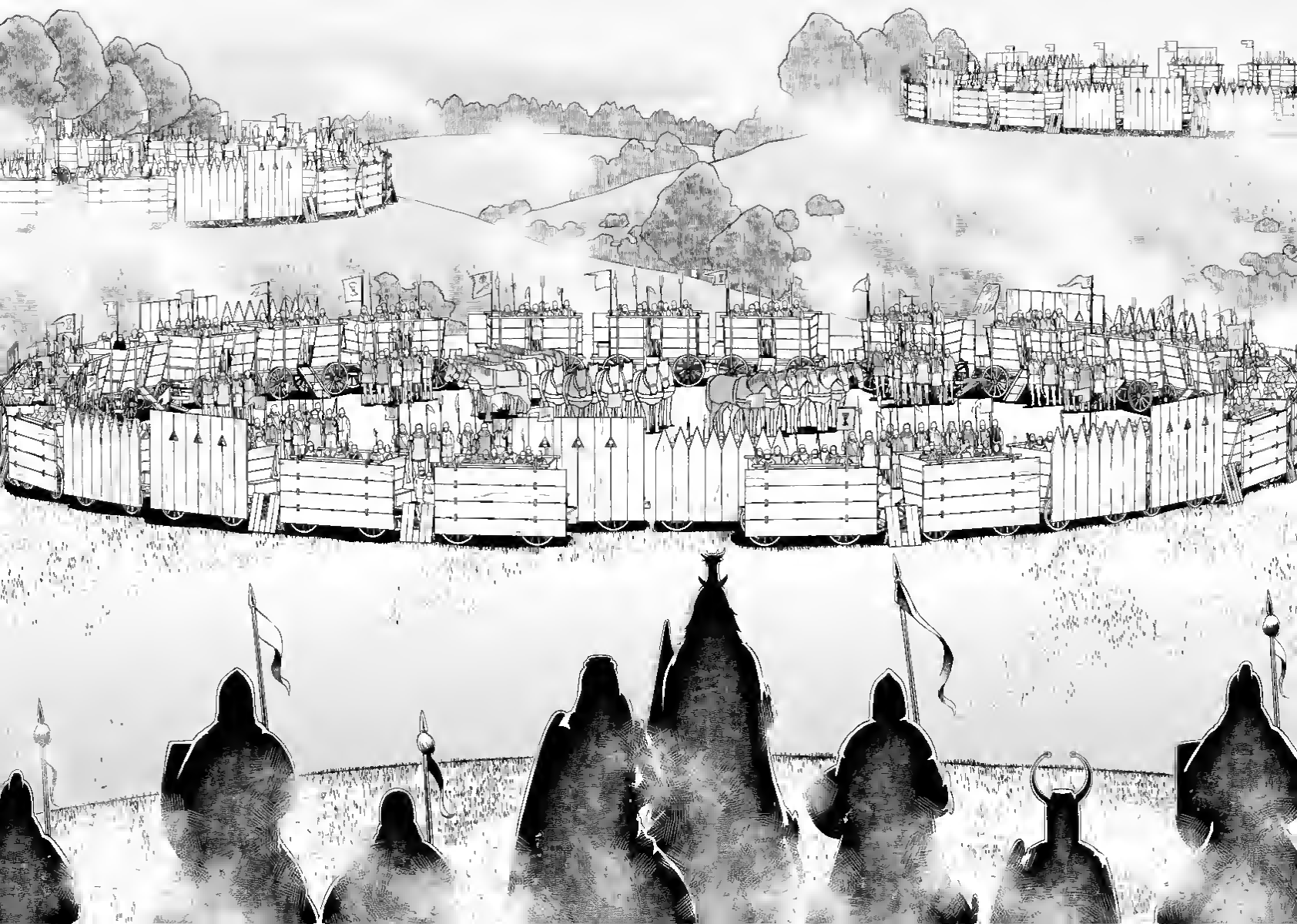
NORMALLY, YOU SPEND YOUR TIME BROODING OVER BAD STUFF...
WHAT HAPPENED?
IS THIS BECAUSE YOU WERE FIGHTING WITH VLASTA?
HUH?
BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE A LITTLE NICER THAN USUAL!
WHAT ARE YOU ON ABOUT?
WH

I'M ALWAYS NICE!
TEE-HEE!

JULY 13, 1420
ON VÍTKOV HILL OVERLOOKING PRAGUE, THE BATTLE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN...

JAN ŽIŽKA, "HEJTMAN" OF THE TABORITE ARMY!
THEY MAY HAVE SUFFERED DESERTIONS DURING THE NIGHT, BUT WE'RE NOT LETTING UP!
BARELY A THOUSAND MEN...
NOW!
I HEREBY ASSUME COMMAND OF THE GLORIOUS VANGUARD OF THE CHIVALROUS CRU...
STIBOR OF STIBDRICZ, "DRACONIST" AND LORD OF THE "VÁH"!
HEY, WAIT!
THE VILLAIN!

AFTER THEM!
HOW CAN THEY, STARTING OFF THE BATTLE BEFORE US?
PERFECT! YOUR TURN NOW..
IF THEY THINK THEY CAN ESCAPE...
HUH?
AN ENTRENCHED CAMP?



PULVERIZE EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM!
COWARDLY BUNCH OF RATS!
THEY INTEND TO FIGHT WHILE HIDING BEHIND THEIR CARTS?
UTTERLY DISGRACE-FUL!

THERE MUST BE SEVERAL THOUSANDS RIDING THIS WAY!
THE THE GROUND IS SHAKING!
NOBODY SHOOTS UNTIL I GIVE THE ORDER!
THE SHEER POWER!
WAIT TILL YOU SEE THE WHITES OF THEIR EYES!
IT'S LIKE A GIANT WAVE OF STEEL!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT

JAN ŽIŽKA IS A MEMBER OF THE LOWER GENTRY FROM SOUTHERN BOHEMIA
HE BECAME A MERCENARY AFTER THE FALL OF HIS HOUSE

I WILL LEAD YOU TO VICTORY.
I PROMISE!
TRUST ME!

A VETERAN LIKE HIM WILL PROBABLY HAVE A FEW TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE, CORRECT?
TRUE, BUT THE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IS TOO GREAT FOR THEM TO BE A FACTOR!
MUCH OF THE TALK IS ABOUT HIM THESE DAYS...
I MYSELF FOUGHT AGAINST HIM IN ITALY, AND HE IS INDEED A FORMIDABLE FOE...
BUT I DID NOT EXPECT HIM TO BE ACTIVE STILL...
ASSUMING HIS WITS HASN'T YET BEEN OVERWHELMED BY FANATICISM!
MAYBE HE SEEKS A HEROIC DEATH, AND IS LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT OCCASION?
THAT'S THE IMPRESSION I GOT!
I HEAR HE IS KNOWN AS THE "KILLER OF KNIGHTS"...
YOU ARE WELL INFORMED, SIRE!
HE'S DEFEATED A GOOD MANY IN BATTLE, YES...
WHETHER HE ALSO KILLS THOSE HE'S CAPTURED, I KNOW NOT...
REGARDLESS, IT IS NOW THIS SCOUNDREL'S TURN TO DIE...
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THIS IS NUTS! I'M GETTING OUTTA HERE!
NO! YOU IMBECILES!

THE STRENGTH OF THE KNIGHTS LIES NOT ONLY IN THE POWER OF THEIR CHARGE, OR THE STURDINESS OF THEIR ARMOUR...

AREN'T YOU EVEN REMOTELY UPSET, MIKULÁŠ?

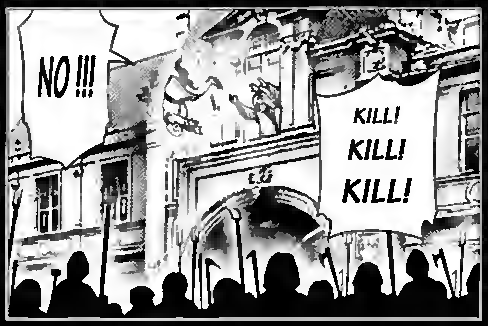
MY TACTIC WAS PERFECT IF IT WASN'T FOR THOSE COWARDS!
SHIT! SHIT! SHIT!

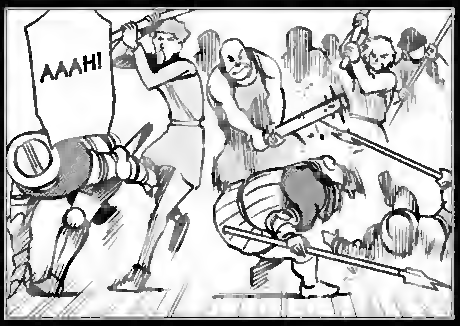
THEIR REPUTATION ALONE IS ENOUGH TO UNDERMINE THE MORALE OF THE ENEMY BEFORE THE FIGHT EVEN BEGINS
WHEN YOUR SOLDIERS ARE IN A PANIC, TACTICS COUNT FOR NOTHING...
DON'T YOU THINK?

THEY ARE STRONG BECAUSE THEY ARE "STRONG"!
HUH?

GO ON! HUNT DOWN ALL THE STOOGES WHO SERVE THE CORRUPT CHURCH !!!

CAPTAIN, THIS OBSESSION WITH KNIGHTS IS GETTING YOU NOWHERE...
ENOUGH! IT IS VICTORY THAT I'M OBSESSED WITH!


NO !!!
KILL! KILL! KILL!


AAAH!

I'VE FOUND THEM... AT LAST!
THAT'S IT!

WHAT DID YOU EXPECT, WHEN THE MOB IS ALL IN A FRENZY...
BY THESE AMAT-EURS!
HOLY COW, EVEN THE GARRISON GOT OVER-WHELMED...

ARISE NOW, WARRIORS OF GOD!
YOU HAVE A DUTY TO VANQUISH THE ENEMY!
THOSE ARE THE WARRIORS I WANT!
THOSE WHO WOULD PUT THEMSELVES IN HARM'S WAY TO PROTECT OTHERS...
THOSE WHO WOULD FIGHT FOR OTHERS...
THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXECUTE MY PLANS...
THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIGHT WITHOUT FEAR...
TACTICS I HAVE REFINED ALL MY LIFE...

FIRE
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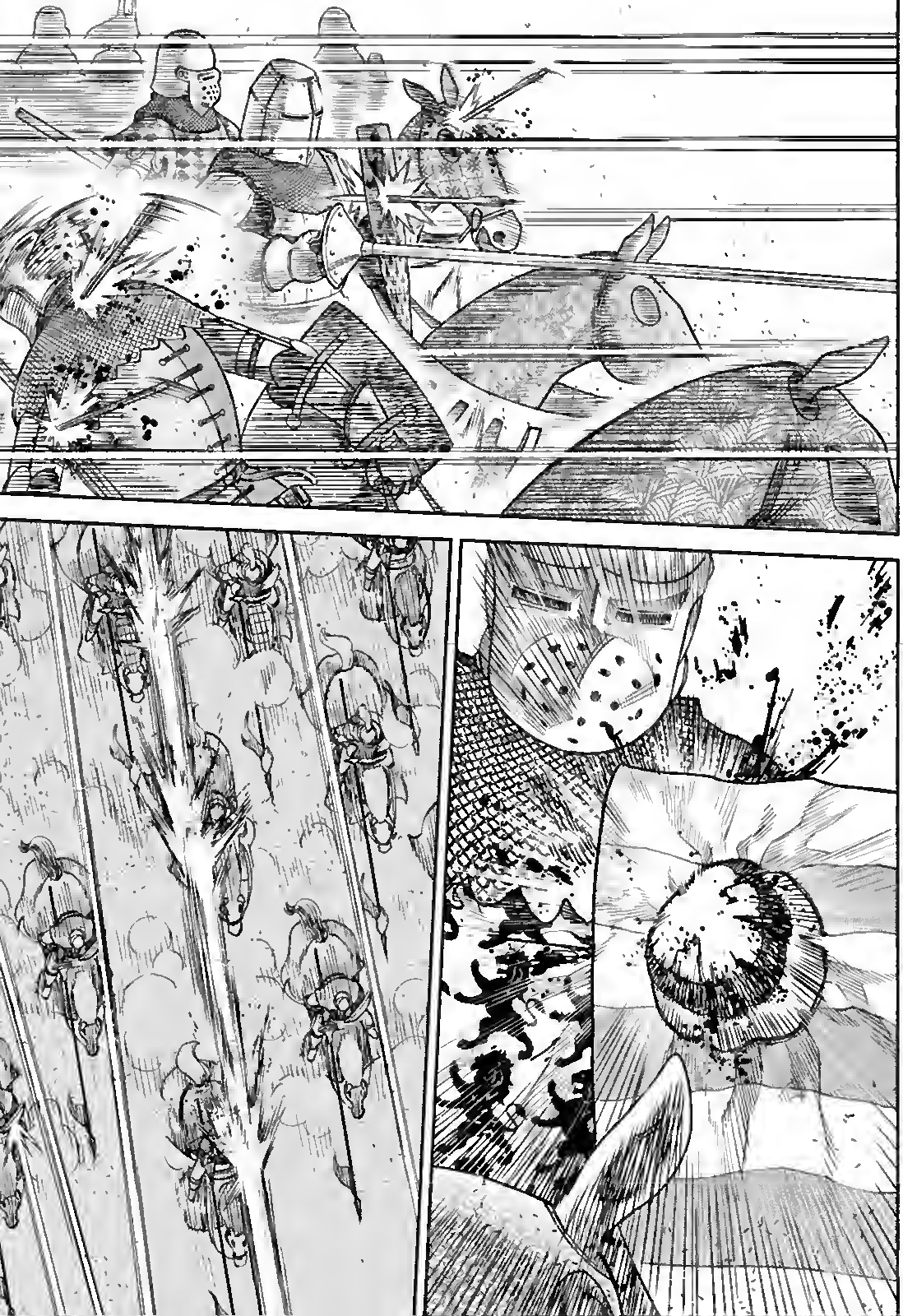
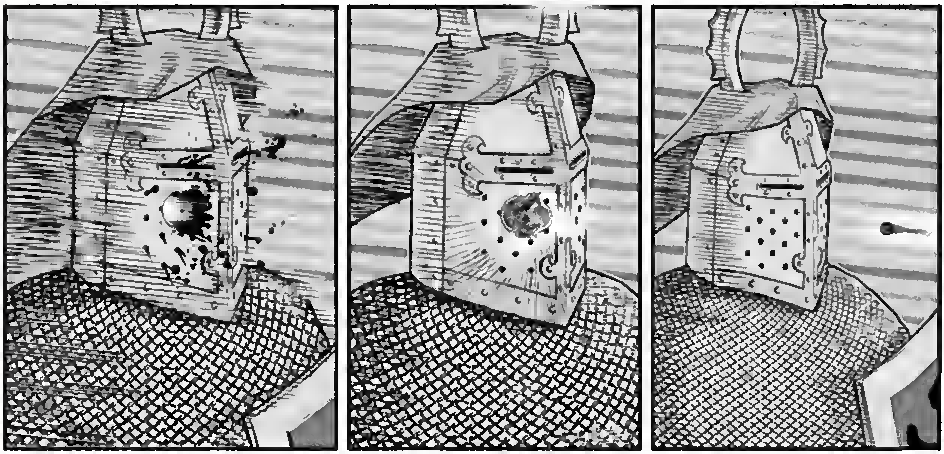
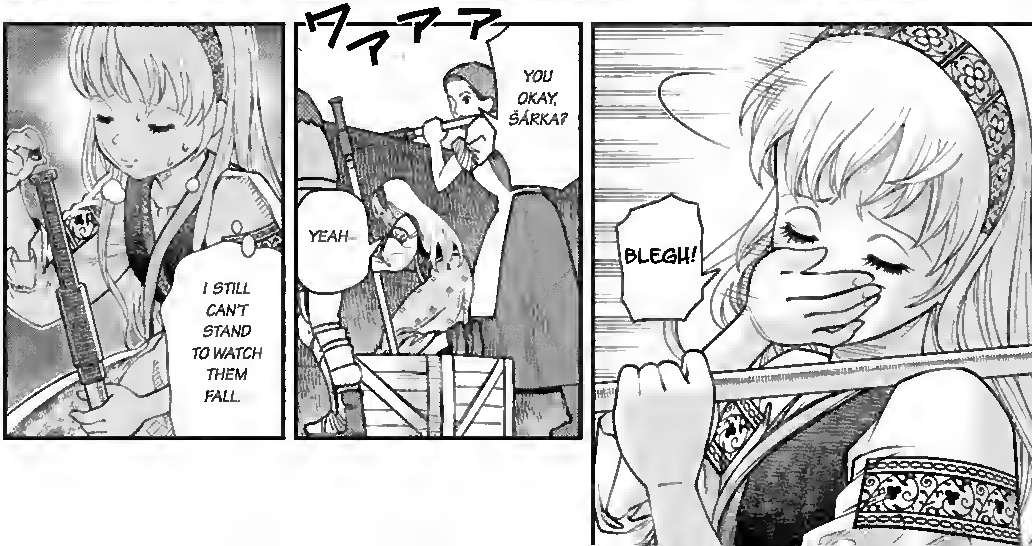
AND NOW,
AT
LAST..






I STILL CAN'T STAND TO WATCH THEM FALL.
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YOU OKAY, ŠÁRKA?
YEAH...
BLEGH!

BUT I HAVE TO KEEP GOING
I MUST!
EEEK!
YAAAH!
YOU AIN'T SMASHING YOUR WAY THROUGH THAT EASY!
HEY, THIS THING IS ARMOURED, YOU KNOW!
SO FAR, SO GOOD!
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THAT'S IT, MEN!
AND OUR CROSSBOWS AND ARTILLERY ARE PICKING THEM OFF AT CLOSE RANGE!
OUR WAR WAGONS ARE WITH-STANDING THEIR CAVALRY CHARGE.

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THEY'RE RETREATING!
SOUND THE HORN OF PURSUIT!
THE FRONT LINE HAS DISPERSED... WE NEED TO REGROUP!
FALL BACK FOR NOW!
WHAT DO WE DO, MY LORD?
WHY AREN'T THOSE RICKETY FENCES FALLING OVER!?
WHAT!?
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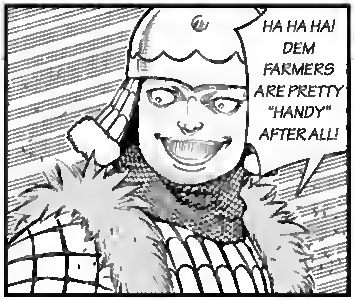
THE WHEAT FIELD IS RIPE AND GOLDEN!
IT'S TIME FOR THE HARVEST!
THE ENEMY'S RUNNING AWAY!
LET 'ER "REAP"!
"DIG" DEEP, DIG!
"POUND" 'EM HARD!

REAP!
POUND!
DIG!
NUTHIN' TO BE AFRAID OF, PEOPLE...
WE'RE JUST WORKIN' THE FIELD!

THE KNIGHTS ARE FALLING ONE AFTER ANOTHER!
INCREDIBLE!


HA HA HA! DEM FARMERS ARE PRETTY "HANDY" AFTER ALL!

HER IMPERIAL MAJESTY, MY DAUGHTER!
SO YOU BETTER WATCH IT, O "BLACK KNIGHT"!
HA HA HA

BAH... THEY PROBABLY DON'T NEED US ANYWAY!
COME TO THINK OF IT, ONLY ONE THING WORRIES ME MORE...
HERMANN II OF CELJE
MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE DRAGON

WHEN YOU'RE AT THE FOOT OF THE HILL, IT'S DAMN IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE TOP!
HI!
HI!
HI!

AND YOU WON'T BE THE FIRST YOUNG KNIGHT SHE'LL WANT TO HAVE FOR DINNER!
LET'S JUST SAY HER HIGHNESS HAS A VORACIOUS APPETITE...
GROAN!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HUH?
OH, IT'S NOT HER I'M WORRIED ABOUT, IT'S YOU!
I WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING TO VIOLATE HER HONOUR...
I AM DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF THEIR MAJESTIES!
THE VANGUARD IS BACK... SO SOON?
THE DRAGON'S TAIL, COILED AROUND ITS NECK, WITH A CROSS ON ITS BACK...
OUR COAT OF ARMS, PRESENTED TO THOSE WHO SWORE BY THE CROSS TO UPHOLD, WITH ALL THEIR STRENGTH...
...
BEFITTING THE MOST VALIANT OF THE "CRUSADERS", OF COURSE!
THAT WAS QUICK WORK, MY LORD!

HA HA
HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA!
LORO STIBORICZ?
PFFT...
HEH HEH...
DID WE..?
...

WE DID!
WE'RE STILL STAND-ING!
WE... WE WON, RIGHT?
YEP!
BUT LET THERE BE NO DOUBT...
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN YET! THE ENEMY WILL RETURN SOON ENOUGH!
THE WINNERS?
WE'RE...

WE HAVE WON OUR FIRST VICTORY!
'COS THIS IS HOW I KILL KNIGHTS!
ENJOY THE MOMENT, PEOPLE!

Dívčí Válka

SO THESE ARE THE "WAR WAGONS" ŽIŽKA WAS TALKING ABOUT.
THOSE WAGON FORMATIDNS ARE LIKE MAKESHIFT FDRTS.
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE BEATING BACK THE SECDND WAVE!
WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?
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WHADDYA EXPECT?
YOU DON'T THRDW DUT YOUR RANK-AND-FILE TO CUT DOWN OUR FORTS!
THE ARCHERS AND INFANTRY AREN'T MAKING ANY DIFFERENCE WHATSOEVER.

THERE'S NO PLACE TO GET THROUGH... EXCEPT
HRMF!
THINK YOU CAN MAKE IT, STURM?
COUNT CELJE, WE IMPLORE YOU... PERMIT US TO CHARGE!
WE'LL BLOW OVER THOSE CARTS LIKE STRAW!
OUT OF THE QUESTION! THAT'S WHAT THEY EXPECT!
SORRY, BUT I'M GOING ON AHEAD!
SIR WILHELM?
FFH
FFH
BOOOOM

HYAAAH!
AIEEE!
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GET HIM!
A KNIGHT GOT THROUGH!
HOW DID HE...
SOMEONE BREACHED A CIRCLE!
OHHH!

AARGH!
DON'T MISS ANYONE ELSE!
I GOT NO OTHER CHOICE NOW IT'S ALL OUT ATTACK!
FOLLOW HIM!
...!
HOLD STILL, PRETTY BOY!
GAH!

WHOA, THAT WAS CLOSE.
TAKE THAT!
COMING THROUGH!
C'MON, ČAPEK!
THIS GUY'S NO AMATEUR!
GOTCHA!
MY BASCINET!

HEY!!!
HOWEVER...
I'M TAKING THIS WIN BY A HORSE!
OWW!
BASTARD

I'LL STOP HIM!
THE BLACK KNIGHT'S STILL GOING!
ČAPEK IS DOWN!?
AAH!
A HAND-CANNON?
AND IS THAT A GIRL SHOOTING AT ME?
THOSE IN THE MIDDLE WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM!
TANJA, NO! WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR PART OF THE CIRCLE!
I'LL SHOW HIM!
ŽIŽKA, YOU SCUM! ARE YOU THAT WEAK, FORCING WOMEN TO FIGHT FOR YOU!?

OISMOUNT AND FIGHT ON FDOT!
NO! DON'T START JUMPING OVER LIKE SIR WILHELM!

YEOW!
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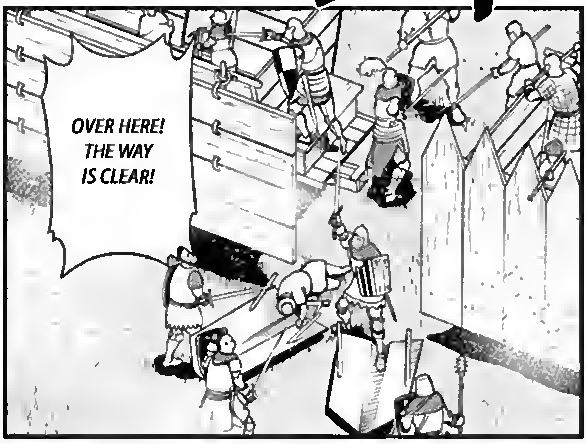
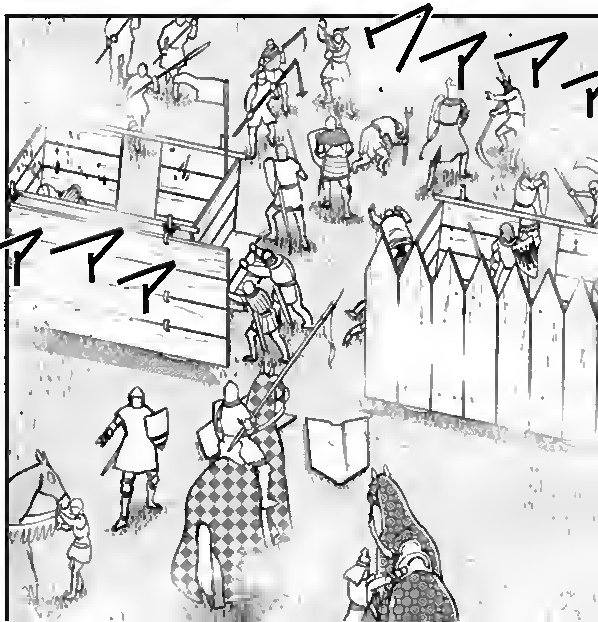
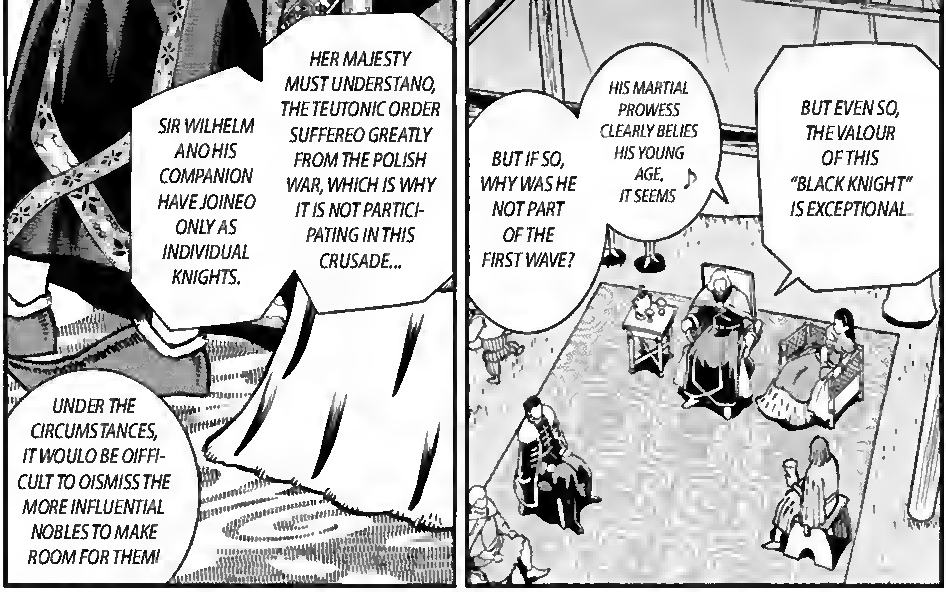
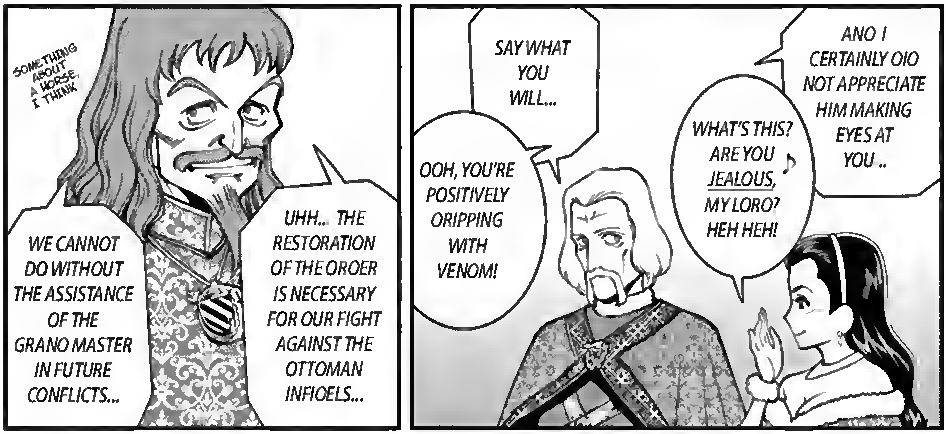
OH NO!
WELL DONE!

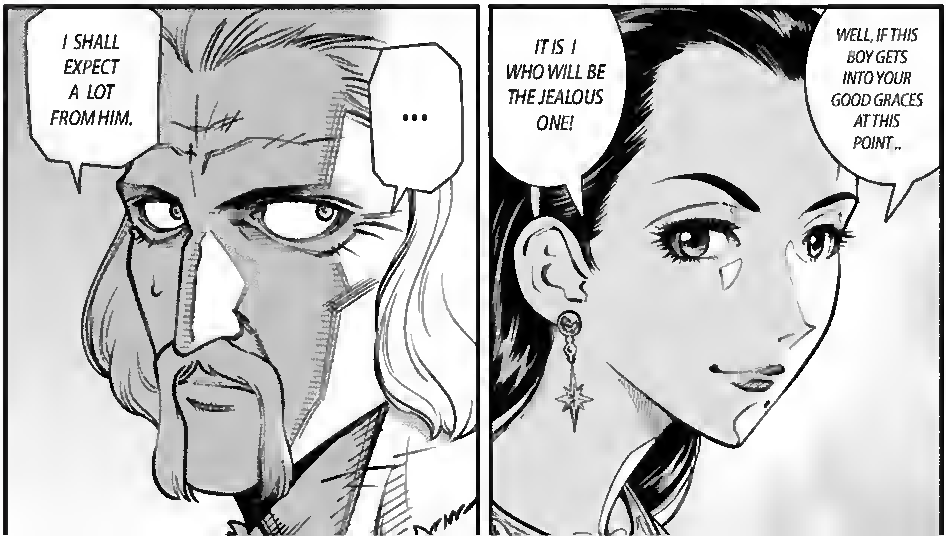

OVER HERE! THE WAY IS CLEAR!

AND THEY CERTAINLY HAVE MDRE EXPERIENCE DN THE GRDUND THAN THDSE IN THE ORDER OF THE DRAGDN...
YES, THE KNIGHTS DF THE TEUTONIC DRDER ARE FDRMIDABLE, AS IS THE KNIGHTS HDSPITALLER...




HER MAJESTY MUST UNDERSTANO, THE TEUTONIC ORDER SUFFEREO GREATLY FROM THE POLISH WAR, WHICH IS WHY IT IS NOT PARTICI-PATING IN THIS CRUSADE...
SIR WILHELM ANO HIS COMPANION HAVE JOINEO ONLY AS INDIVIDUAL KNIGHTS.
UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WOULO BE OIFFI-CULT TO OISMISS THE MORE INFLUENTIAL NOBLES TO MAKE ROOM FOR THEM!
BUT IF SO, WHY WAS HE NOT PART OF THE FIRST WAVE?
HIS MARTIAL PROWESS CLEARLY BELIES HIS YOUNG AGE, IT SEEMS
BUT EVEN SO, THE VALOUR OF THIS "BLACK KNIGHT" IS EXCEPTIONAL..


SOMETHING ABOUT A HORSE, I THINK
WE CANNOT DO WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GRANO MASTER IN FUTURE CONFLICTS...
UHH... THE RESTORATION OF THE ORDER IS NECESSARY FOR OUR FIGHT AGAINST THE OTTOMAN INFIOELS...
SAY WHAT YOU WILL...
OOH, YOU'RE POSITIVELY ORIPPING WITH VENOM!
WHAT'S THIS? ARE YOU JEALOUS, MY LORO? HEH HEH!
ANO I CERTAINLY OIO NOT APPRECIATE HIM MAKING EYES AT YOU ..


I SHALL EXPECT A LOT FROM HIM.
...
IT IS I WHO WILL BE THE JEALOUS ONE!
WELL, IF THIS BOY GETS INTO YOUR GOOD GRACES AT THIS POINT..

YES! THE CAMP IS OURS!
NOW LET'S WIPE OUT ALL THE HERETICS!
THEY'RE POURING THROUGH THE BREACH!
THERE'S TOO MANY! WE'RE TRAPPED.
AARGH!
THEY'RE GDING TO SET IT ABLAZE!
TANJA'S OVER THERE!
THE SIGNAL!
SEND OUT THE SIGNAL!
OUR CIRCLE IS LOST!

TO PARADISE, MY FRIENDS!
WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?
SURELY NOT...
LONG LIVE THE GLORY OF TÁBOR!

AAAH!
TANJA!
ŠÁRKA !?
9!!!
BUNCH OF CRAZIES... I'M GETTING OUTTA HERE!
WHAT ARE YA DOING!? THE OTHER WAY, DUMMY!
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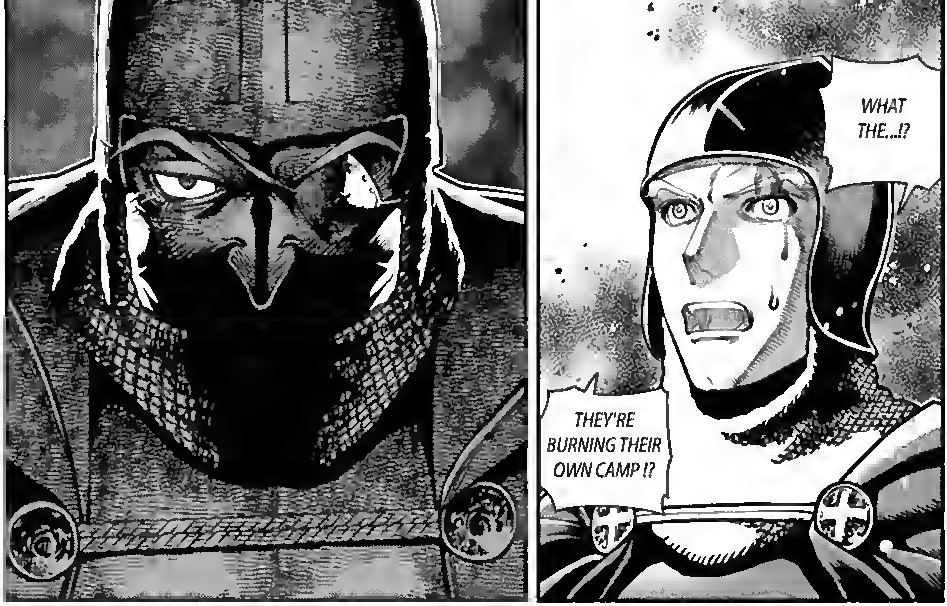
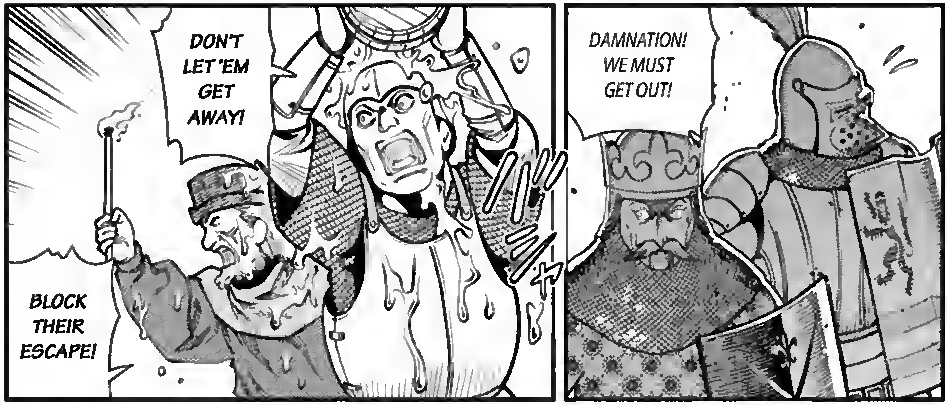
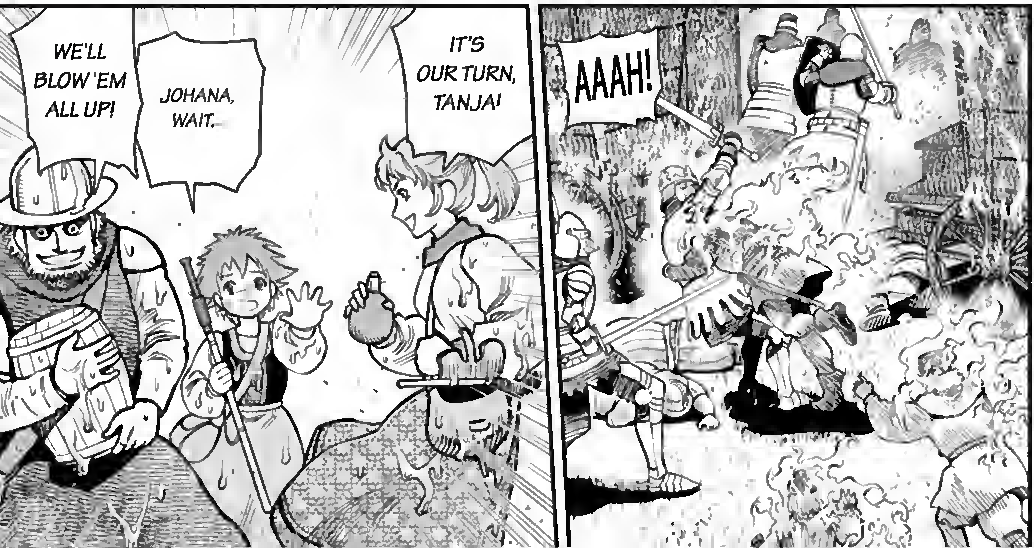
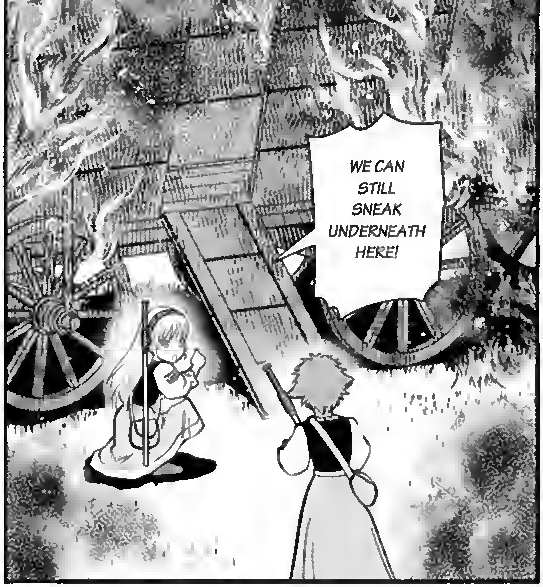

WHAT THE...!?
THEY'RE BURNING THEIR OWN CAMP!?


DON'T LET 'EM GET AWAY!
BLOCK THEIR ESCAPE!
DAMNATION! WE MUST GET OUT!


WE'LL BLOW 'EM ALL UP!
JOHANA, WAIT...
IT'S OUR TURN, TANJA!
AAAH!

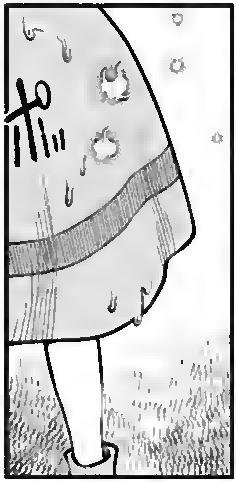
GOD GIVE US VICTORY!
AAAH!
TANJA!
THIS WAY! QUICK!
ŠÁRKA, IS IT YOU!?
AAH... AAAH...

I'VE BEEN BURNED BEFORE...
I'M SCARED...
I CAN'T...
I KNOW, BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE!


WE CAN STILL SNEAK UNDERNEATH HERE!

I'LL... I'LL TRY.
THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH ME...
LET'S GO NOW!

I'M HERE WITH YOU, OKAY?
DON'T WORRY, EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE!



THE WAY IS BLOCKED!

AAAH!

BURN-
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I'M
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AIEEE!
AAAH!
TANJA!
TANJA!
TANJA!
HELP...
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TANJA
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TSK!
YOUR SACRIFICES WILL NOT BE IN VAIN, I SWEAR!
TANJA!
THEY'RE... THEY'RE MAD!
WHAT!? ŠÁRKA WAS WITH THEM!?

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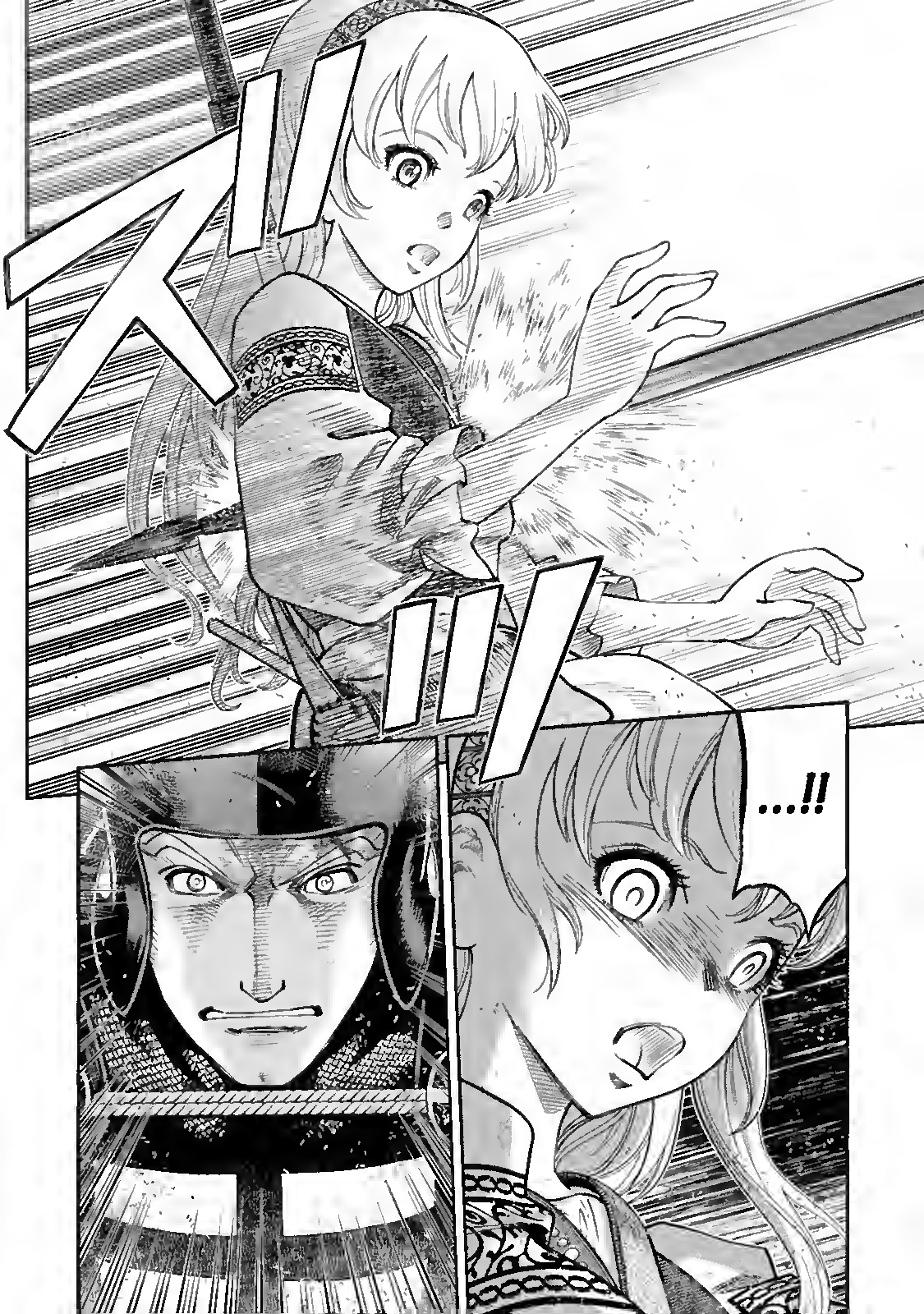
SO THIS IS WHERE I WILL DIE TOO..
I CANNOT FLEE NOW..
COUGH COUGH !!!
TANJA..
TANJA..

BUT...
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!
HELP !!!
SOME-BODY HELP ME !!!
AAH!
AARGH !!!
GASP!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EEEK !!!
FLY, STURM!
FLY !!!

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GRAB ON!
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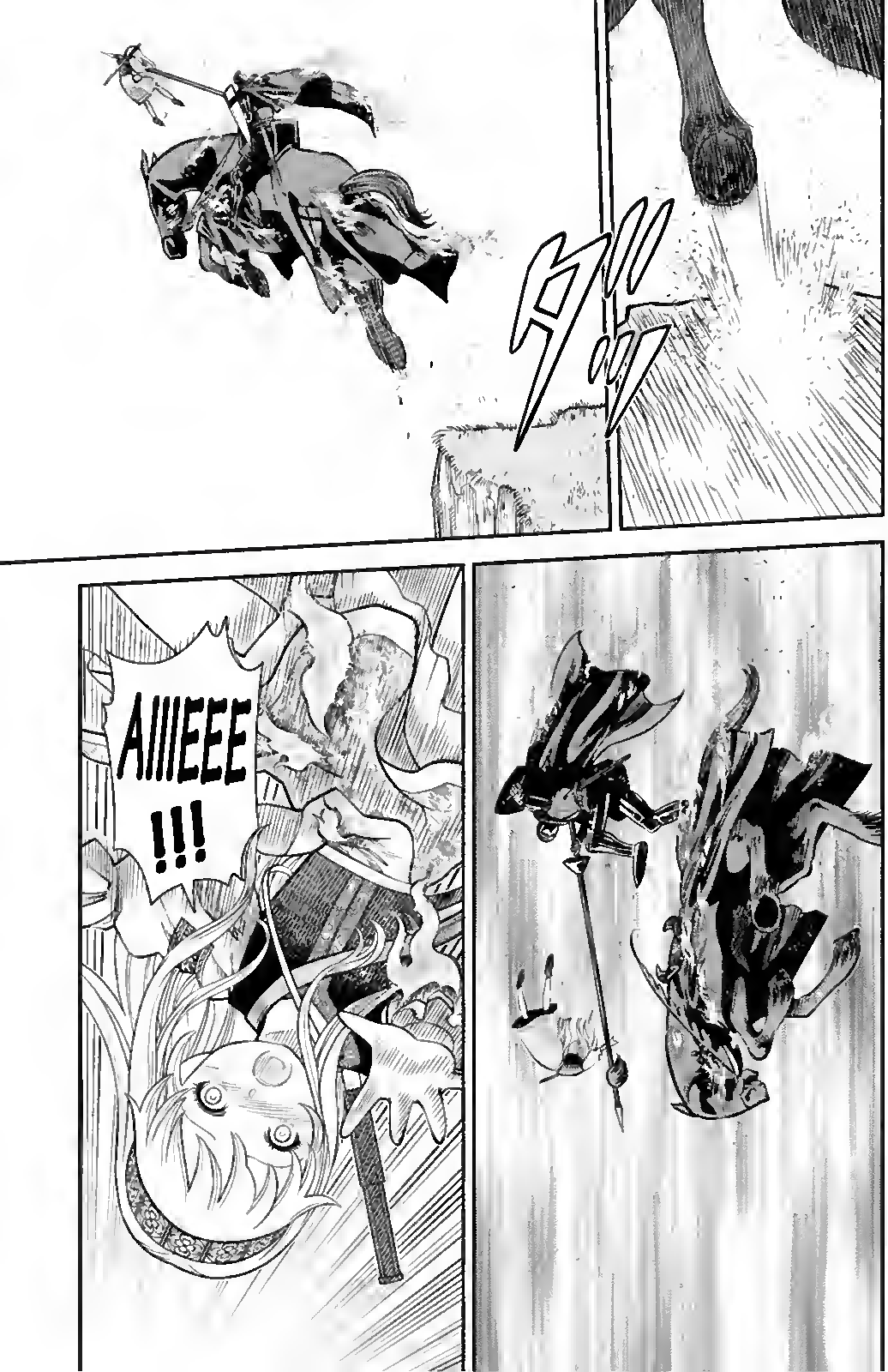
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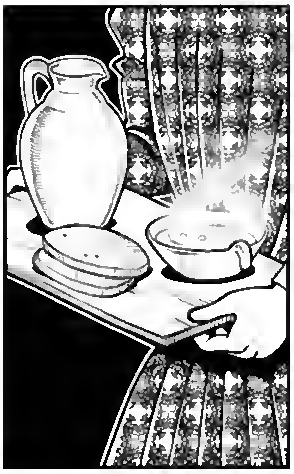

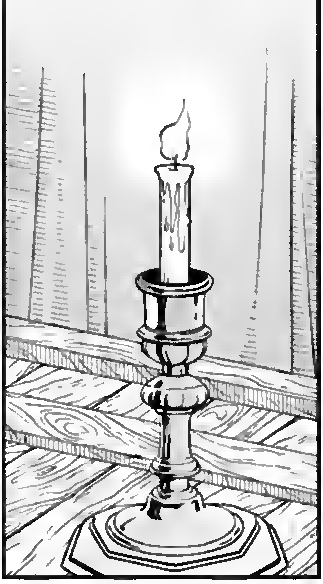

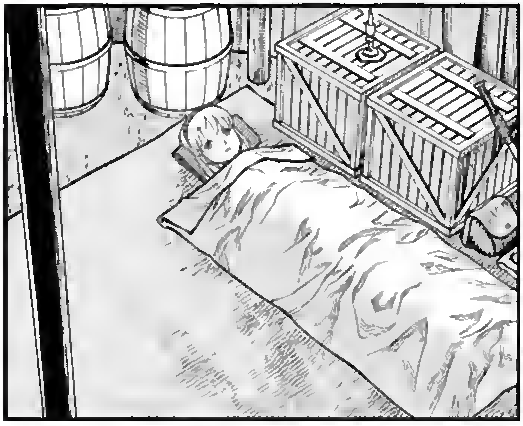

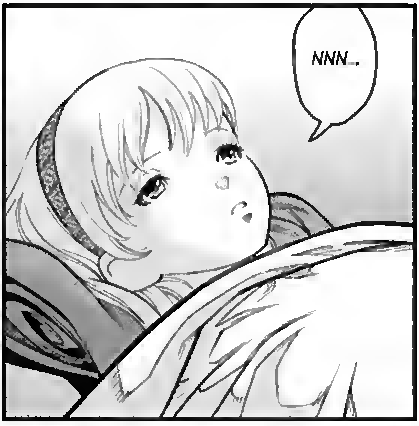
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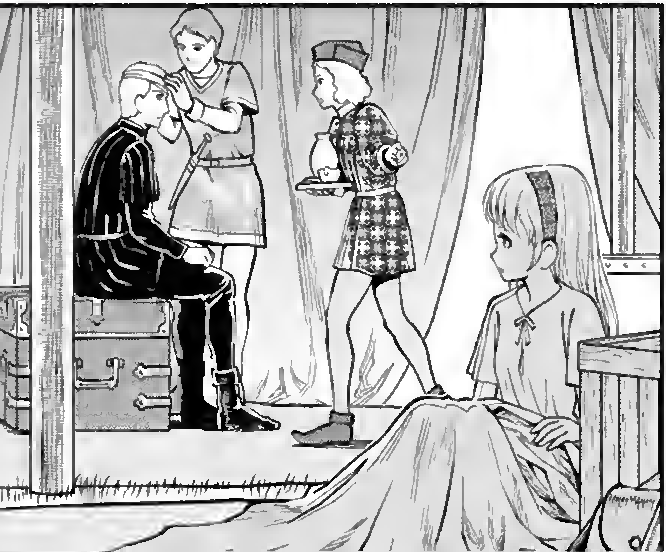

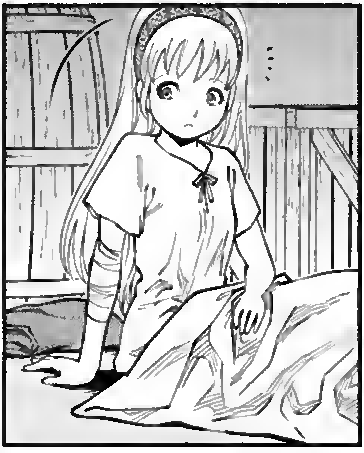

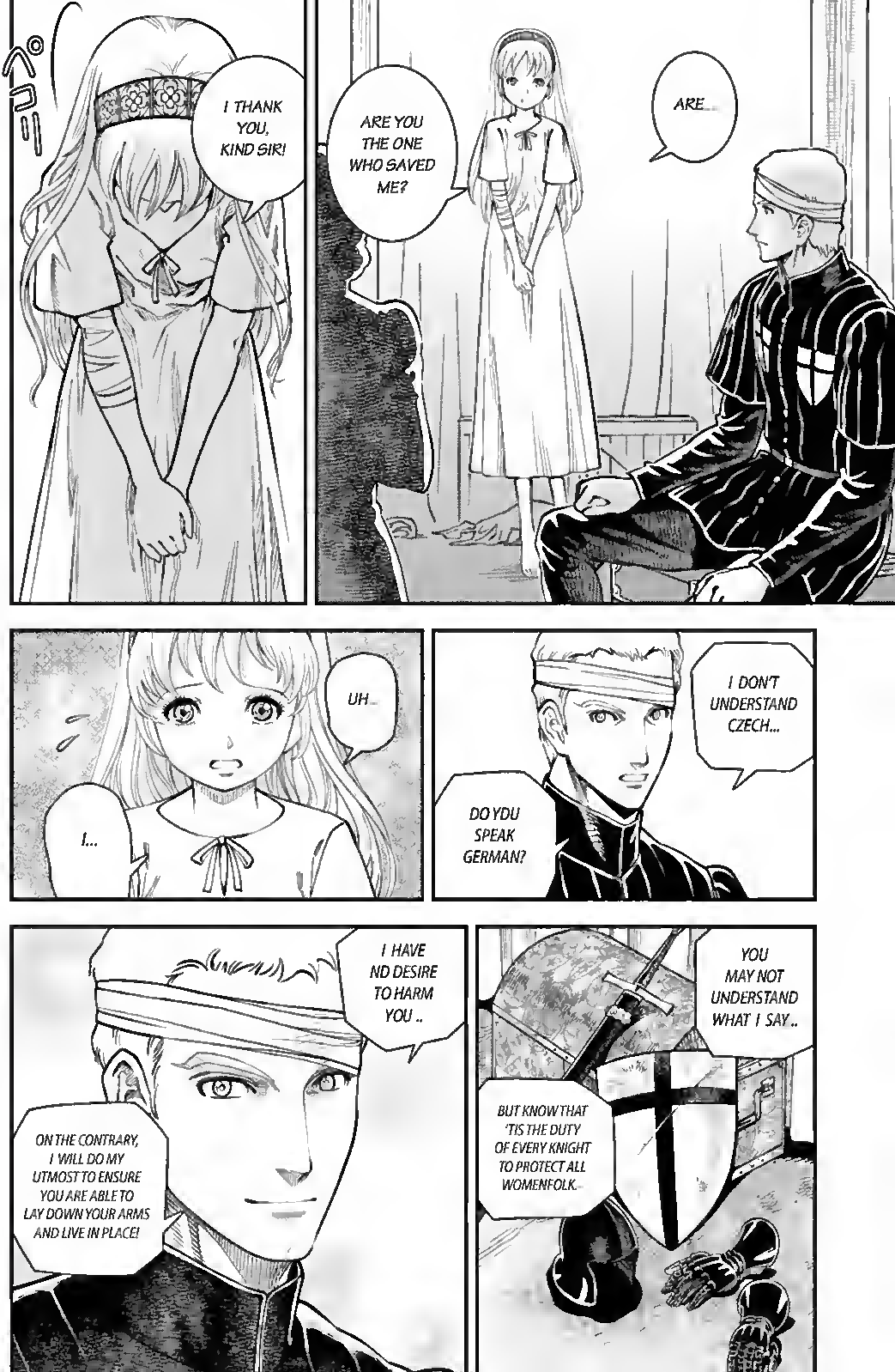
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I THANK YOU, KIND SIR!
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO SAVED ME?
ARE...
UH...
I...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND CZECH...
DO YDU SPEAK GERMAN?
I HAVE ND DESIRE TO HARM YOU ..
ON THE CONTRARY, I WILL DO MY UTMOST TO ENSURE YOU ARE ABLE TO LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS AND LIVE IN PLACE!
YOU MAY NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT I SAY..
BUT KNOW THAT 'TIS THE DUTY OF EVERY KNIGHT TO PROTECT ALL WOMENFOLK.

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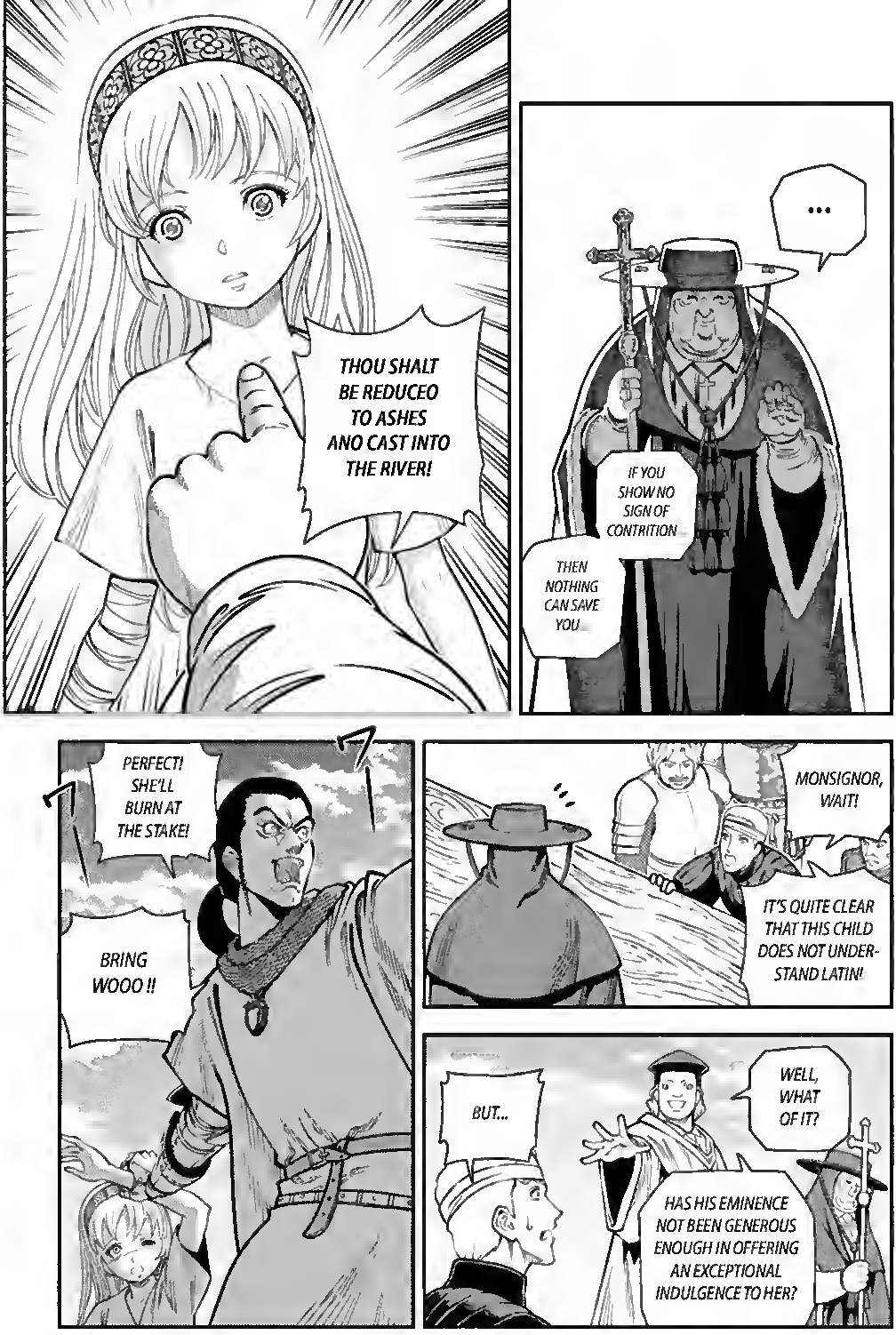
SIR WILHELM, YOU MANAGED TO CAPTURE A HERETIC !?
LORO STIBORICZ?
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING THE CHILD?
AAAH!
IS THIS HER !?

HERE SHE IS, CARDINAL!
DO ALL THESE PEOPLE HATE ME?
SORCERY !!! WITCHCRAFT !!!
IT'S THE ONLY EXPLA-NATION !!!
SHE MUST PAY !!!
FOR ALL THEIR OEATHS !!!
?
?
IT'S THE WITCH !!!
KILL HER !!! KILL HER !!!

WE SHALL NOW CONDUCT A BRIEF INQUISITION!
BE NOT AFRAID! HOLY PROVIDENCE WILL FORGIVE YOU, AND YOU WILL BE SAVED!
FEAR NOT, MY CHILD!
DOST THOU CONFESS TO HAVING COMMITTED THE SIN OF HERESY?
INQUISITION !?
IF THOU TRULY REPENT AND REQUEST CLEMENCY...
NOD THY HEAD!
HE SCARES ME.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS MAN IS SAYING..
BUT EVEN THOUGH HE IS SMILING .


THOU SHALT BE REDUCED TO ASHES AND CAST INTO THE RIVER!
...
IF YOU SHOW NO SIGN OF CONTRITION...
THEN NOTHING CAN SAVE YOU...
PERFECT! SHE'LL BURN AT THE STAKE!
BRING WOOO !!
MONSIGNOR, WAIT!
IT'S QUITE CLEAR THAT THIS CHILD DOES NOT UNDERSTAND LATIN!
BUT...
WELL, WHAT OF IT?
HAS HIS EMINENCE NOT BEEN GENEROUS ENOUGH IN OFFERING AN EXCEPTIONAL INDULGENCE TO HER?

COME TO THINK OF IT, BURNING AT THE STAKE WOULD BE TOO EASY FOR YOU!
PAF!
I FORBID YOU TO KILL MY PRISONER WITHOUT...
BUT...
SHE AND HER COWARDLY KIND POINTED SIEGE WEAPONS AT OUR KNIGHTS !!
THE HUMILIATION THEY HAVE CAUSED WITH THEIR OBSCENE METHODS IS UNFORGIVABLE !!
COME HERE, YOU THREE !!

I WANT TO SEE HER SUFFER...
AS SHE HAS NEVER SUFFERED...
AND DON'T STOP!
SO, DO WE HAVE OUR WAY WITH HER? DO WE HACK HER TO PIECES?
BOTH!
STOP THIS!
HEH HEH HEH! IF YOU WANT TO KEEP THE WOLVES HAPPY, YOU HAVE TO THROW THEM FRESH MEAT EVERY NOW AND THEN!
SORDID BUNCH, AREN'T THEY?

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9 Under Cover Of Night
SO MANY MEN... I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START!
NOW... WHO DO I CHOOSE? ♪
MY LADY, LET'S TURN BACK, PLEASE!
WHATEVER FOR? IT'S THE EMPEROR'S FAULT, ISN'T IT?
OR ELSE, WE'LL BE CAUGHT!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU'VE BEEN HAVING TROUBLE SLEEPING TOO, RIGHT?
WOMEN SOLDIERS PROBABLY!
HEY, CHECK THEM OUT!
FRISK
FRISK
AIEEE!!!
N-NOT AT ALL, MY LADY!
HE KNOWS HOW MUCH I'VE ABSTAINED MYSELF DURING THIS CAMPAIGN!
AND IT WOULD BE A LOT LESS FRUSTRATING IF WE WERE WINNING!
WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?

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HEH HEH! AND SHE'S A CUTIE, TOO!
ALL THIS CROWD... I'M GETTING NERVOUS!
AIEEE!
GIVE IT TO HER !!!
TEAR HER OPEN !!!
STOP THIS !!!
THIS IS NOT HOW A CRUSADER SHOULD...
OWW!
NO!
NO!
IT'S HAPPENING... ALL OVER AGAIN?

GGGH...
HKKK...
WHY YOU LITTLE BITCH !!!
HHH!!
COUGH!
COUGH!
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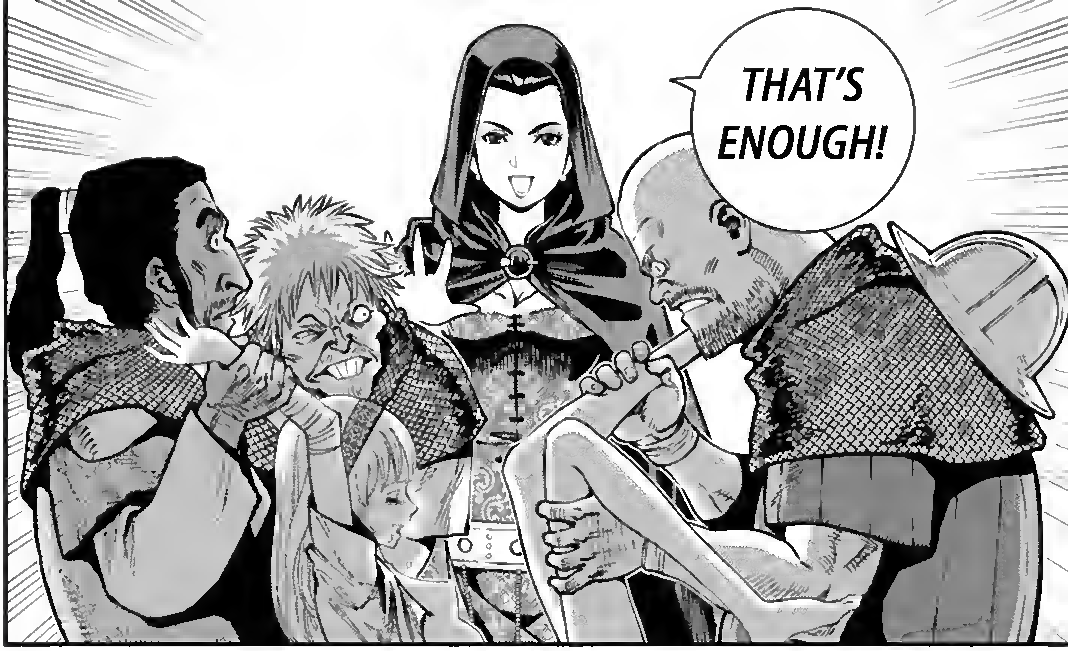
BUT, IN THE END.. ALL USELESS...
I EVEN LEARNED TO FIGHT...
I... I TRIED TO BE STRONG...
THAT'S HOW YOU GET ROTTEN BRATS TO BEHAVE!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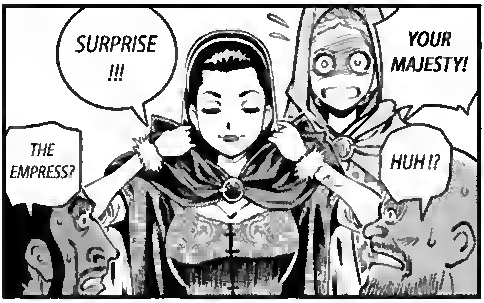
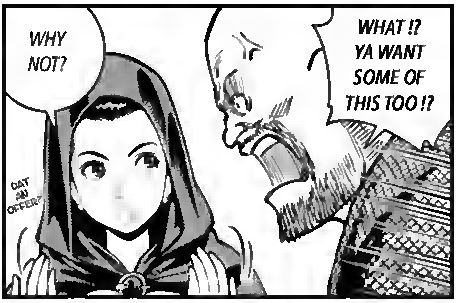
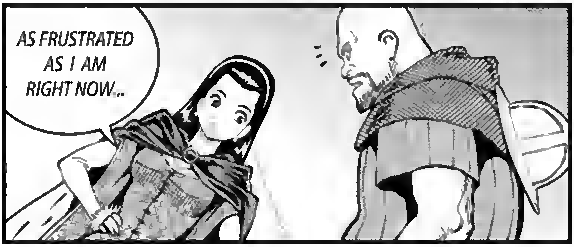
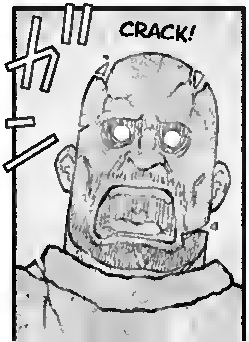

SURPRISE !!!
YOUR MAJESTY!
THE EMPRESS?
HUH!?


WHY NOT?
WHAT!? YA WANT SOME OF THIS TOO!?
OAT AND OTHER

UH, YOUR MAJESTY... ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON
OH, I CAN SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!


AS FRUSTRATED AS I AM RIGHT NOW...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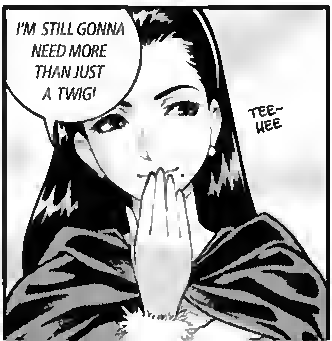
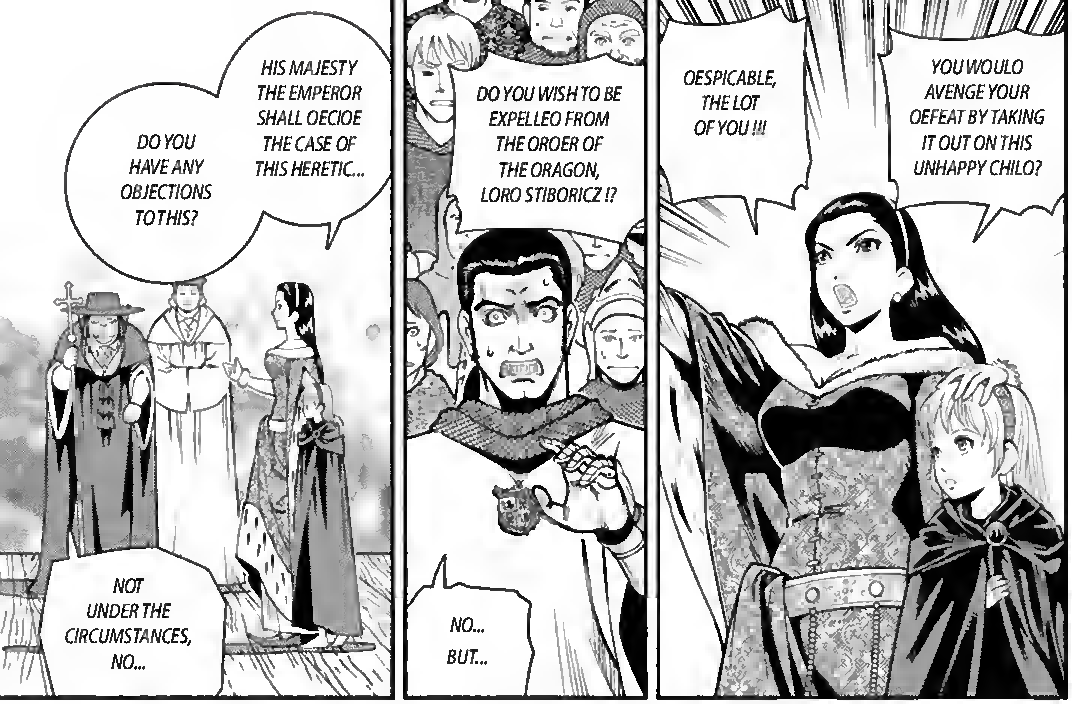
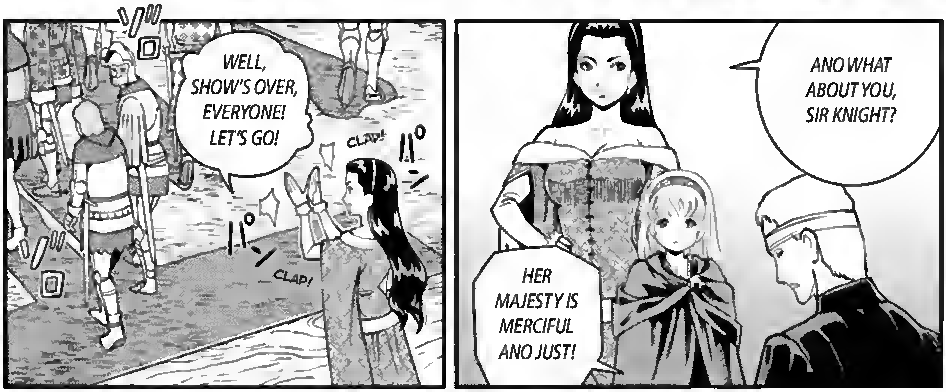
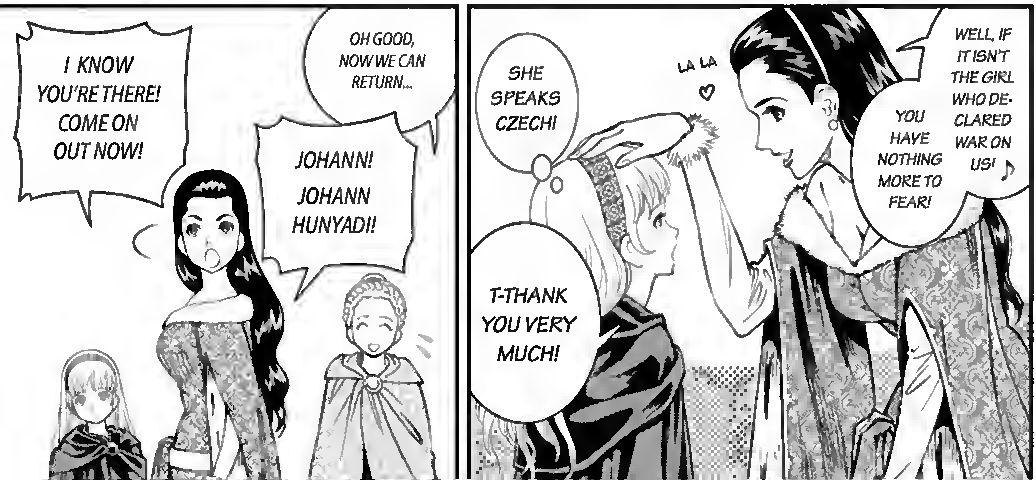

I'M STILL GONNA NEED MORE THAN JUST A TWIG!
TEE-HEE


DO YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THIS?
HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR SHALL OECIOE THE CASE OF THIS HERETIC...
NOT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, NO...
DO YOU WISH TO BE EXPELLEO FROM THE OROER OF THE ORAGON, LORO STIBORICZ !?
NO... BUT...
OESPICABLE, THE LOT OF YOU !!!
YOU WOULO AVENGE YOUR OEFEAT BY TAKING IT OUT ON THIS UNHAPPY CHILO?


WELL, SHOW'S OVER, EVERYONE! LET'S GO!
CLAP!
CLAP!
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU, SIR KNIGHT?
HER MAJESTY IS MERCIFUL AND JUST!


I KNOW YOU'RE THERE! COME ON OUT NOW!
OH GOOD, NOW WE CAN RETURN...
JOHANN! JOHANN HUNYADI!
SHE SPEAKS CZECH!
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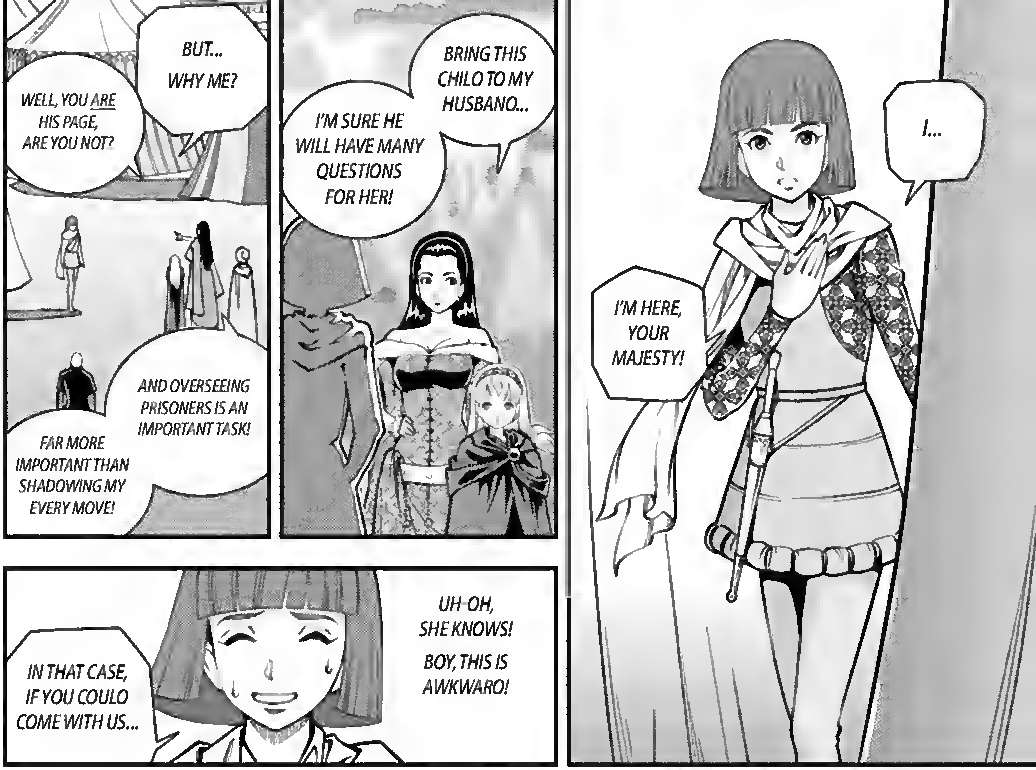
WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE GIRL WHO DE-CLARED WAR ON US! ♪
YOU HAVE NOTHING MORE TO FEAR!
T-THANK YOU VERY MUCH!


BUT... WHY ME?
WELL, YOU ARE HIS PAGE, ARE YOU NOT?
AND OVERSEEING PRISONERS IS AN IMPORTANT TASK!
FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN SHADOWING MY EVERY MOVE!
BRING THIS CHILO TO MY HUSBANO...
I'M SURE HE WILL HAVE MANY QUESTIONS FOR HER!
I...
I'M HERE, YOUR MAJESTY!
IN THAT CASE, IF YOU COULO COME WITH US...
UH-OH, SHE KNOWS!
BOY, THIS IS AWKWARO!

...
NOW, I HEAR THAT YOU ACCOMPLISHEO SOME AMAZING FEATS TOOAY, GOOO SIR KNIGHT!
HUH? OH NO, NOTHING LIKE...
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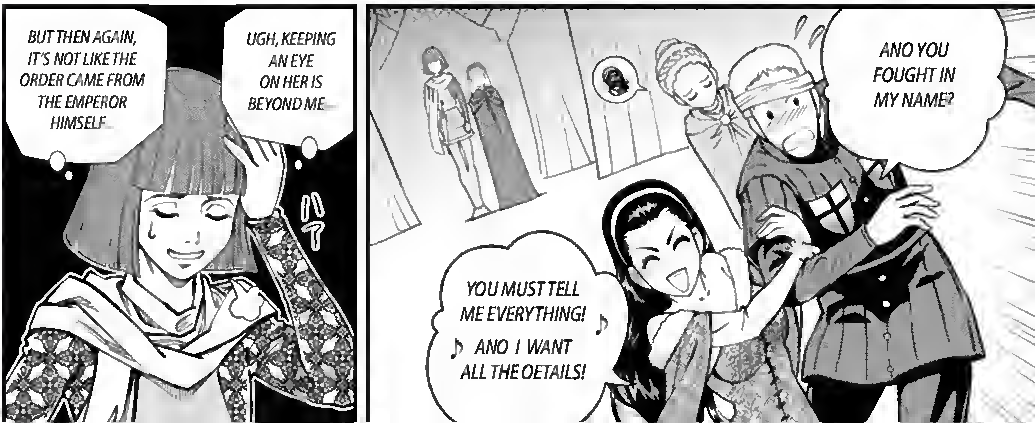
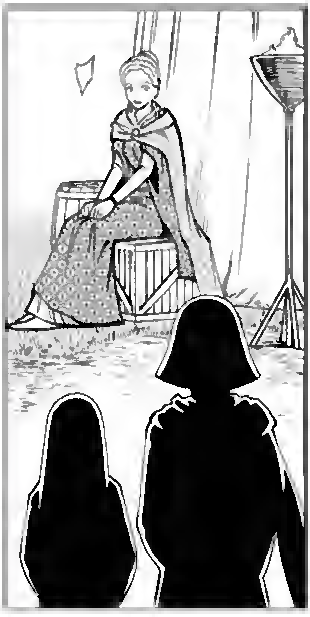

BUT THEN AGAIN, IT'S NOT LIKE THE ORDER CAME FROM THE EMPEROR HIMSELF...
UGH, KEEPING AN EYE ON HER IS BEYOND ME...
ANO YOU FOUGHT IN MY NAME?
YOU MUST TELL ME EVERYTHING!
♪ ANO I WANT ALL THE OETAILS!

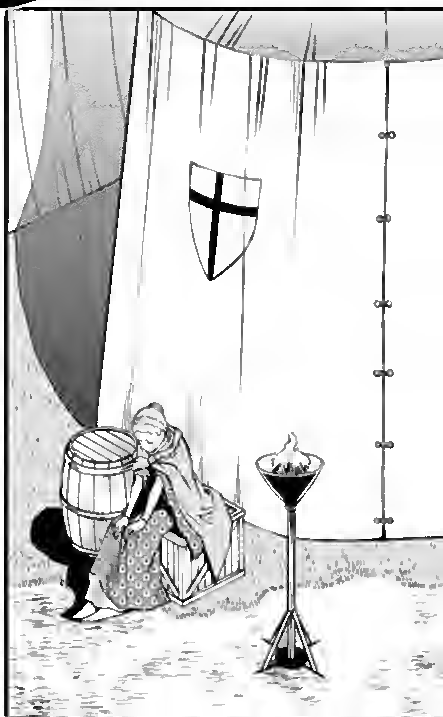
YOU SPEAK CZECH TOO?
I'M ŠÁRKA!
AND YOU?
MY NAME IS JOHANN HUNYADI!
AND YOU'RE A HUSSITE SOLDIER?
YES!
THAT LADY ALSO SPOKE.
YEAH, SHE KNOWS A LOT OF THEM, TOO.
SO LANGUAGES ARE PRETTY HANDY TO KNOW.
I ACCOMPANY HIS MAJESTY TO MANY COUNTRIES.
IN ANY CASE, YOU CAN EXPLAIN ALL THIS IN DETAIL TO HIS MAJESTY!
BUT FIRST, YOU'LL NEED TO DRESS APPROPRIATELY!
HONESTLY, HOW COULD SO MANY KNIGHTS...
LOSE TO A KID!?
UH, I FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE.
I SWEAR!

IT SUITS YOU PERFECTLY! ♪
ARE YOU SURE I CAN WEAR SUCH BEAUTIFUL CLOTHES, SIR HUNYADI?
JUST CALL ME JOHANN!
THESE SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH THE EMPEROR!

UH, JOHANN. I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK YOU..



HER MAJESTY ACTUALLY READ HIS MIND RIGHT AWAY...
ME, I COULDN'T EVEN PICK UP A HINT...
NEVER MIND THE GROPING...



THAT...?
HEH HEH... SAY NO MORE!
IT'S JUST THAT THIS GIRL WAS INSISTENT ON RETRIEVING AN OBJECT...
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
HER-HER MAJESTY IS NOT... UM, VISIBLE, AT THE MOMENT!
THERE IT IS!
PHEW!

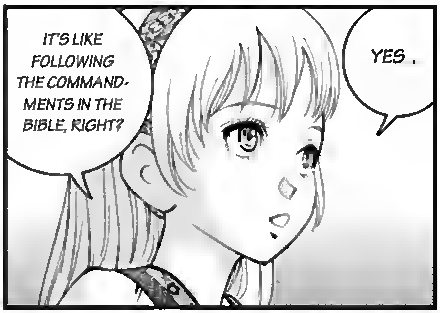
OH YES! ♡
MY LADY!
AAH! ♡
MY LADY!
...!
SHHH!

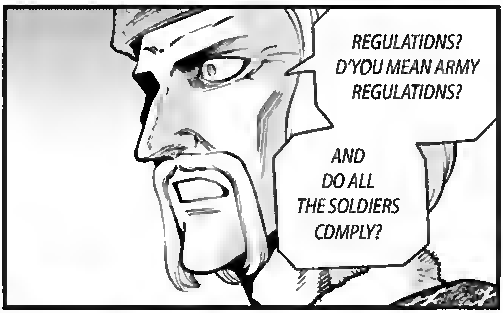
IMPOSSIBLE!
GRRR
THIS IS THE REASON WE GOT ROUTED?
HMPH
IT... IT'S A PÍŠŤALA...
THIS WEAPON IS CALLED A "PÍŠŤALA", SIRE...
THE WORD MEANS "FLUTE" IN THE CZECH LANGUAGE..

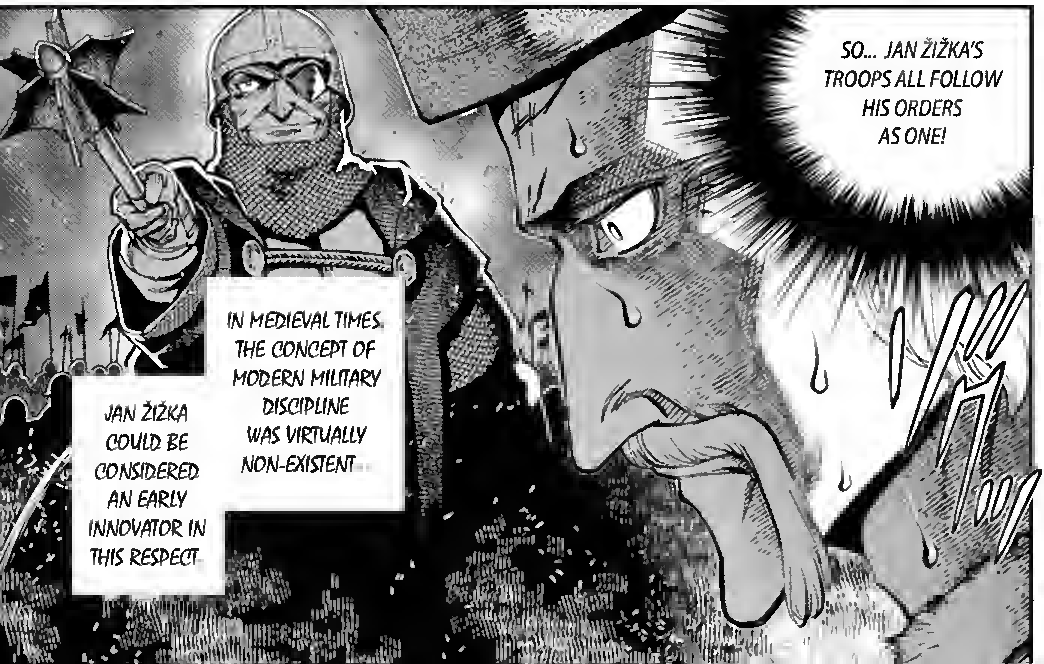
IT'S ESSENTIALLY A SCALE MODEL OF A CULVERIN...
A WEAPON USED BY GUNNERS AND THE LIKE...
TRUE, ANYONE CAN LEARN TO USE IT, ALTHDUGH ITS FIREPOWER IS LIMITED...
SO THIS IS WHAT SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT YESTERDAY..
THERE'S LOTS OF WOMEN LIVING IN TÁBOR..
WHY WOMEN AND CHILDREN?
WELL..
SO WE'VE SEEN...
BUT WHY SEND IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN INTO BATTLE?
AND CAPTAIN ŽIŽKA SHOWED THAT WOMEN COULD FIGHT TOO..
AND ALSO, WE NEED THE MEN TO BUILD THE TOWN..
MANY OF US CAME TO "THE MOUNT" AFTER HAVING TO LEAVE OUR HUSBANDS AND FATHERS..
AND OUR PRIESTS TAUGHT US THAT WE ARE ALL EQUAL..

I JUST FOLLOW CAPTAIN ŽIŽKA'S REGULATIONS.
WELL, I DUNNO ABOUT THE RULES OF WAR, 'COS THAT'S TOO COMPLICATED.
THAT, AND THE HORN AND DRUM SIGNALS.

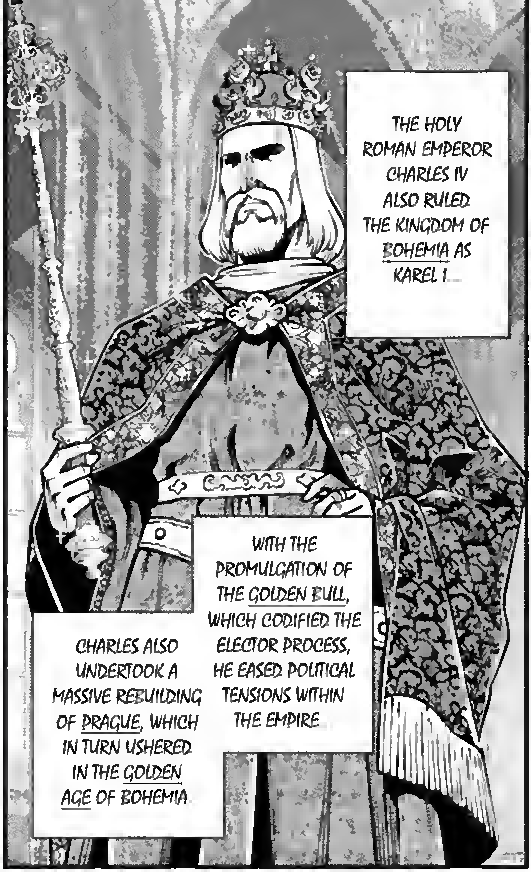
WE DOUBT THAT HANDLING HAND CANNONS MAKES YOU A SOLDIER!
HOWEVER, JUST AS KNOWING HOW TO SHOOT A BOW DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE A HUNTER


IT'S LIKE FOLLOWING THE COMMAND-MENTS IN THE BIBLE, RIGHT?
YES.

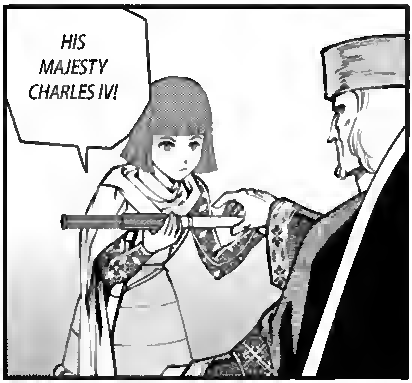

REGULATIONS? D'YOU MEAN ARMY REGULATIONS?
AND DO ALL THE SOLDIERS COMPLY?


SO... JAN ŽIŽKA'S TROOPS ALL FOLLOW HIS ORDERS AS ONE!
IN MEDIEVAL TIMES, THE CONCEPT OF MODERN MILITARY DISCIPLINE WAS VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT.
JAN ŽIŽKA COULD BE CONSIDERED AN EARLY INNOVATOR IN THIS RESPECT.

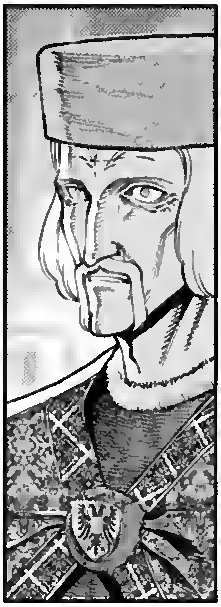
WE ARE FIGHTING AN ENEMY THAT BAFFLES US ENTIRELY...
OUR DEFEAT MAY HAVE BEEN INEVITABLE...
OH, FOR AN ARMY THAT WOULD OBEY MY EVERY COMMAND...
TEN THOUSAND... NO, JUST 6 THOUSAND WOULD SUFFICE ME
JUST BECAUSE THEY FOLLOW ORDERS WITHOUT QUESTION, THE COMMON PEASANTRY CAN OVERCOME EXPERIENCED WARRIORS?
THIS MAN'S IDEAS DEFY COMPREHENSION..
EXCUSE ME...
CAN I HAVE MY PÍŠŤALA BACK?
BE ASSURED OF OUR PROTECTION!
THIS HAS BEEN MOST ENLIGHTENING
YOU CAN GO, ŠÁRKA...
KAREL
KAREL...?
UH, APPARENTLY SHE IS MOST ANXIOUS, AS THE NAME OF HER DECEASED FIANCÉ IS ENGRAVED ON IT...
SHE HAS NOTHING ELSE ON HER, SO IT SHOULDN'T BE DANGEROUS...

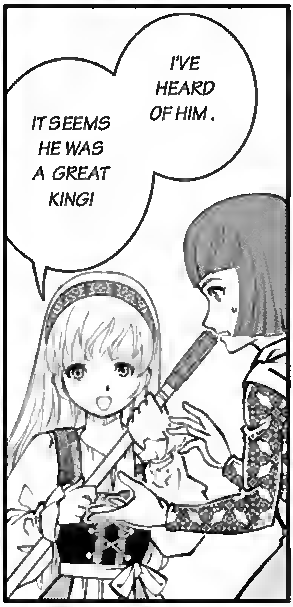

THE HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR CHARLES IV ALSO RULED THE KINGDOM OF BOHEMIA AS KAREL I...
WITH THE PROMULGATION OF THE GOLDEN BULL, WHICH CODIFIED THE ELECTOR PROCESS, HE EASED POLITICAL TENSIONS WITHIN THE EMPIRE
CHARLES ALSO UNDERTOOK A MASSIVE REBUILDING OF PRAGUE, WHICH IN TURN USHERED IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF BOHEMIA

AHH...THE NAME OF OUR ROYAL FATHER!


HIS MAJESTY CHARLES IV!

EVER HAS IT BEEN MY AMBITION TO EXCEED HIM ONE DAY!
HIS NAME IS ALSO ENGRAVED, IN MY HEART...




I'VE HEARD OF HIM.
IT SEEMS HE WAS A GREAT KING!

ŠÁRKA, STICK CLOSE TO ME!
HIS MAJESTY MAY HAVE GIVEN YOU HIS WORD, BUT YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS HERE...
I WAS TOLD THAT HE WAS THE TYRANT WHO KILLED JAN HUS..
AND ON THE BRIDGE YESTERDAY, HE HAD A TERRIFYING AIR ABOUT HIM...
MAYBE DEEP DOWN INSIDE, HE'S NOT ALL BAD .
HE'S THE GUY YOU RESPECT RIGHT?
AND FROM WHERE I'M STANDING, IT'S JAN ŽIŽKA WHO'S THE REAL DEMON!
PSST!
HE'S SOMEONE THAT I RESPECT..
OF COURSE THE EMPEROR IS A GOOD MAN, ALMOST TOO GOOD..
BOY, YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING ELSE, YOU KNOW THAT?
HUH?

WELL, WHAT IF...
WELL, YOU SEEM TO BE ON YOUR OWN, RIGHT?
MAY I ASK WHY YOU'RE TROUBLING YOURSELF WITH WELCOMING ME?
OH YES?
YEAH!? OR MAYBE HE'S A DEMON ON THE SIDE OF GOOD.
I WONDER HOW THEY'RE GETTING ON...
TO REJOIN THE OTHERS?
I DON'T SUPPOSE I'LL BE ALLOWED...
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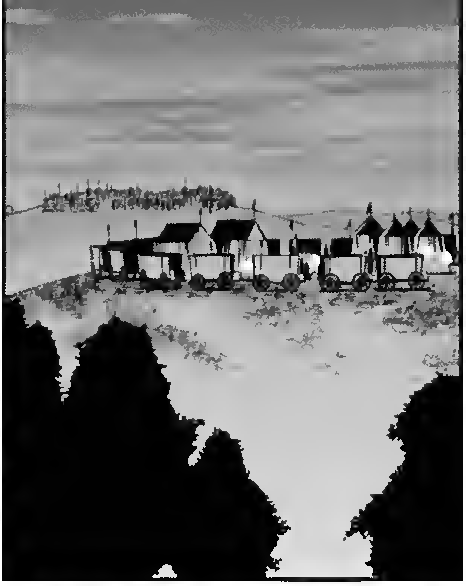
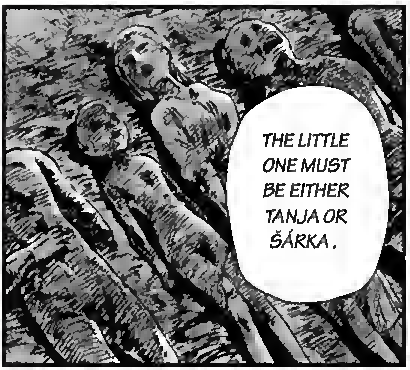
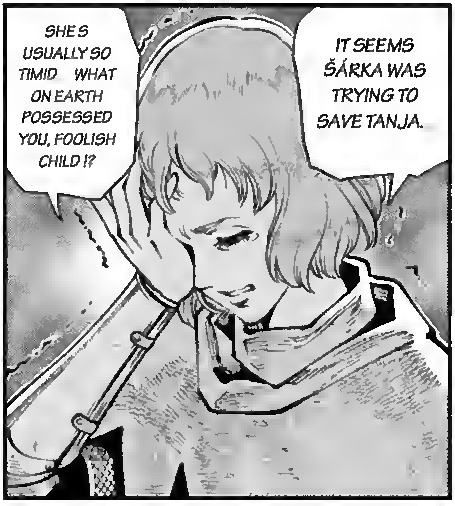
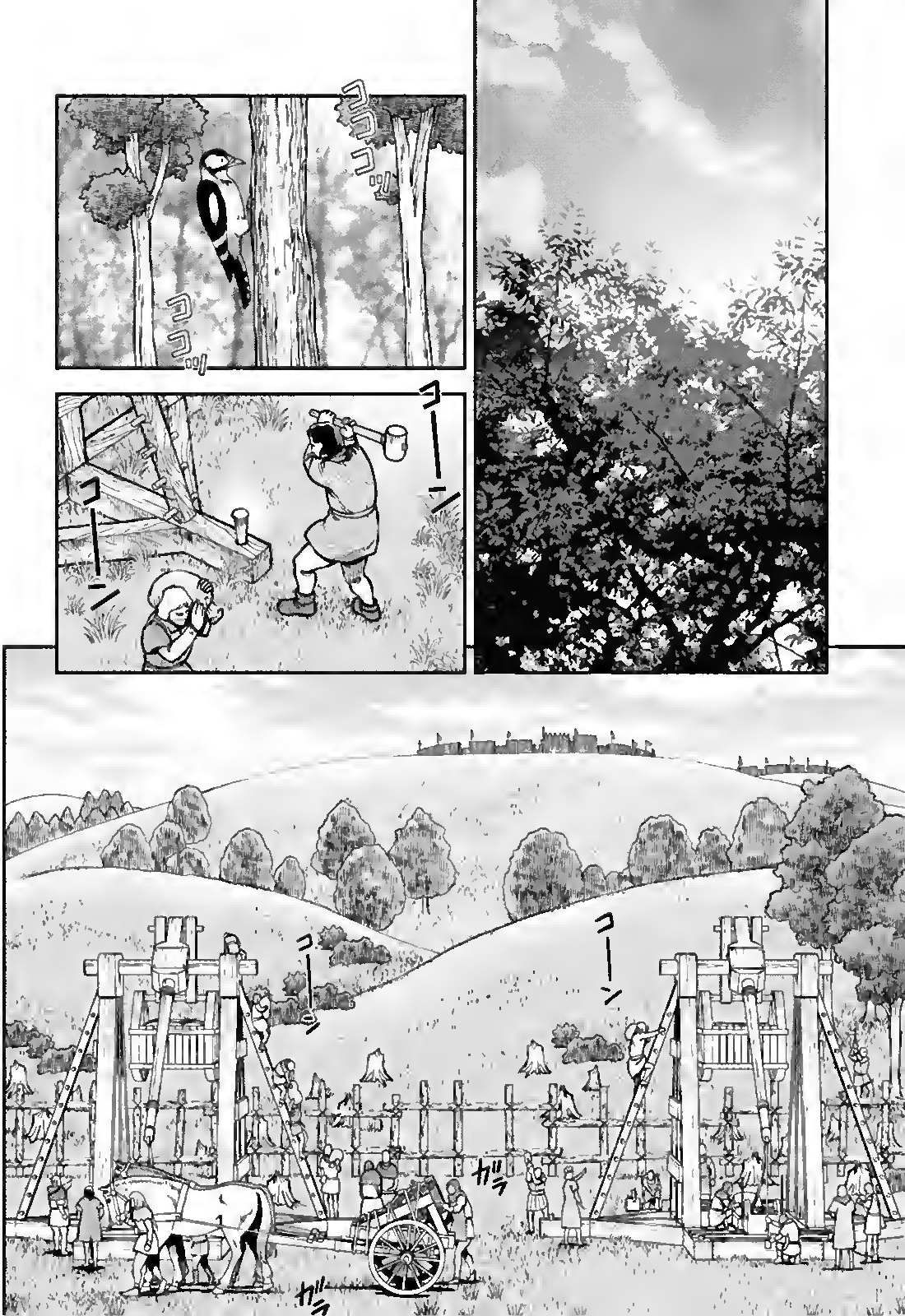



THE LITTLE ONE MUST BE EITHER TANJA OR ŠÁRKA.


SHE'S USUALLY SO TIMID WHAT ON EARTH POSSESSED YOU, FOOLISH CHILD!?
IT SEEMS ŠÁRKA WAS TRYING TO SAVE TANJA.

I WAS THE ONE WHO GAVE THE ORDER, BUT EVEN I DIDN'T EXPECT THEM TO BE THAT COMMITTED
BLOWING THEM-SELVES UP LIKE THIS
THE CIRCLE WAS ALMOST ANNIHILATED

ŠÁRKA ...!!
TANJA ...!!
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM
ETERNAL REST GIVE UNTO THEM, O LORD
HOWEVER, WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE IF THEY DECIDE TO STOP CHARGING AND TURN THEIR SIEGE WEAPONS ON US!
A SETBACK, YES, BUT ENEMY LOSSES HAVE BEEN HIGHER...
WE MUST RECOVER FROM THIS SETBACK!
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT A HORSE COULD JUMP OVER THE WAGONS?
I WAS MORE WORRIED ABOUT KNIGHTS SNEAKING UNDERNEATH
MOUNTS LIKE THAT SHOULD BE BANNED...
NO, THEY WON'T!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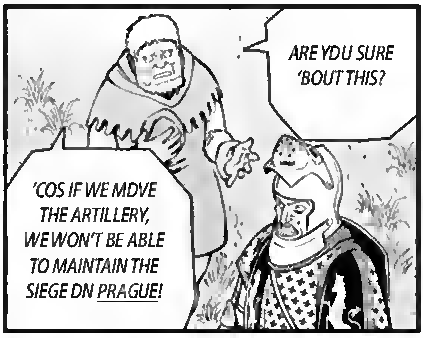
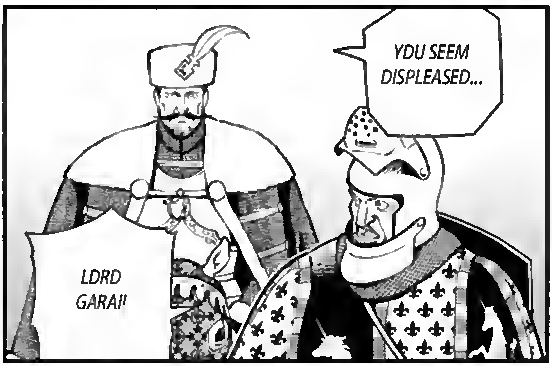
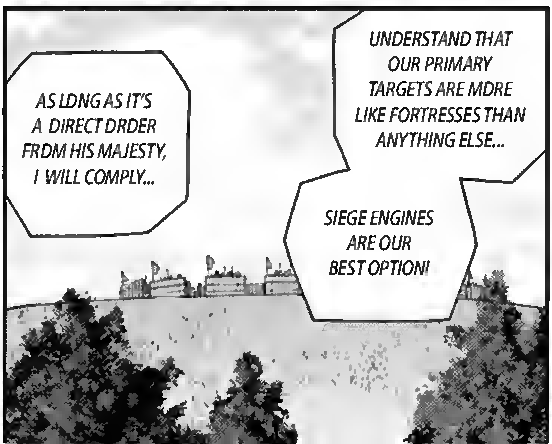
SHEESH, THE KNIGHTS ARE ALL IN A FOUL MOOD!
WHADDYA EXPECT? AFTER THE BEATING THEY TOOK YESTERDAY, THEY NOW HAVE TO COME CRAWLING TO US FOR HELP...

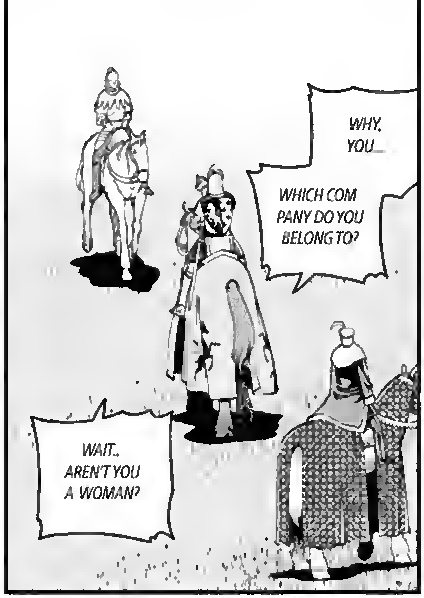

ARE YOU SURE 'BOUT THIS?
'COS IF WE MOVE THE ARTILLERY, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE SIEGE ON PRAGUE!

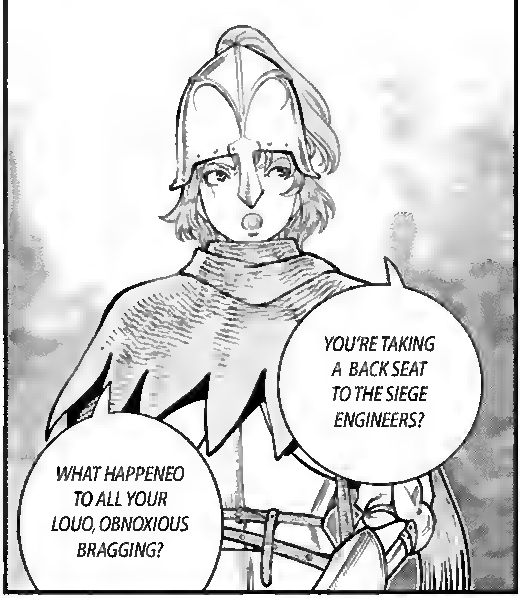
SILENCE, SAPPER! JUST DO AS YOU'RE TOLD!

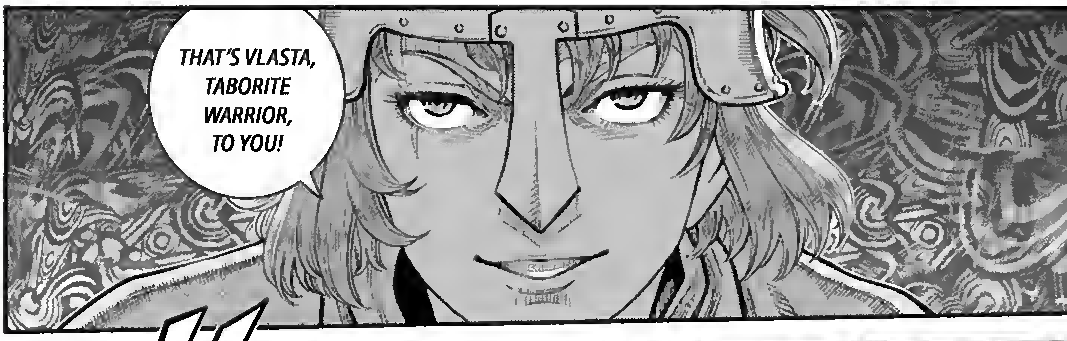
HEY, AREN'T YOU GUYS CHARGING ANYMORE?
HUH!


YOU SEEM DISPLEASED...
LORD GARA!!


AS LONG AS IT'S A DIRECT ORDER FROM HIS MAJESTY, I WILL COMPLY...
UNDERSTAND THAT OUR PRIMARY TARGETS ARE MORE LIKE FORTRESSES THAN ANYTHING ELSE...
SIEGE ENGINES ARE OUR BEST OPTION!


WHY, YOU...
WHICH COM PANY DO YOU BELONG TO?
WAIT.. AREN'T YOU A WOMAN?


YOU'RE TAKING A BACK SEAT TO THE SIEGE ENGINEERS?
WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL YOUR LOUD, OBNOXIOUS BRAGGING?


THAT'S VLASTA, TABORITE WARRIOR, TO YOU!

WHA...

SLOWPOKE!
PARCHI
DAMN, SHE'S FAST!
DAT REALLY A...?
OH, I'M NOT JUST ANY RIDER...
I'M A RIDER WHOSE FRIENDS YOU KILLED...
ONE SINGLE RIDER? OF ALL THE IMPUDENCE!
ENEMY ATTACK!

I'MA MAD,
MAD RIDER !!

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
AND SHE'S HEADIN' THIS WAY!
WHAT!? THE ENEMY!?
SHE'S BROKEN THROUGH!
HUH!?
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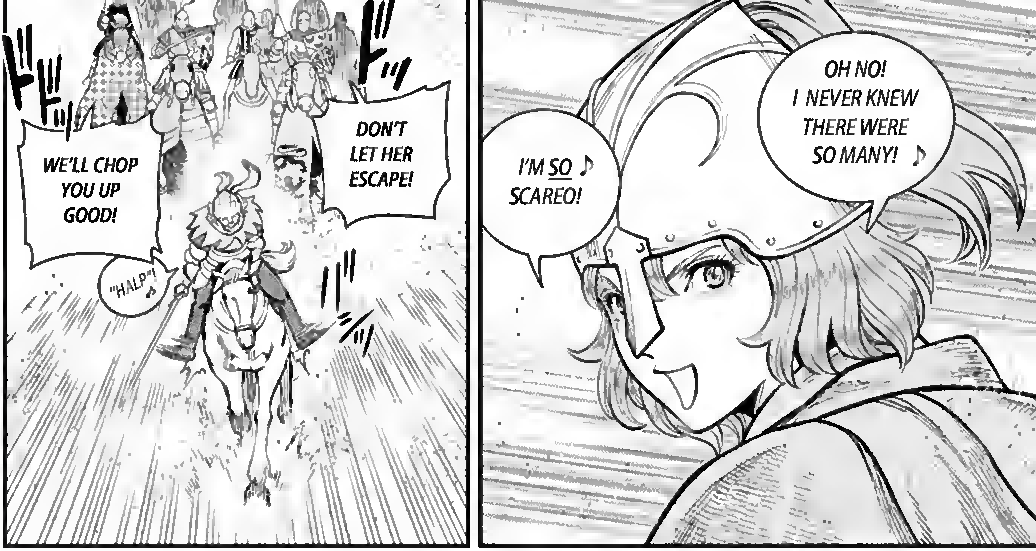
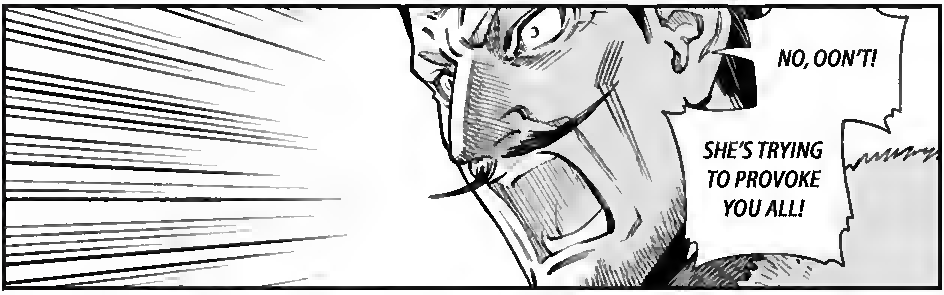
AHA HA HA HA HA HA!
THERE SHE IS!
SHE'S ALREADY KILLED FOUR KNIGHTS!!
SHE'S DESTROYING THE SIEGE ENGINES...
NO, WAIT... SHE WANTS TO...


WE'LL CHOP YOU UP GOOD!
DON'T LET HER ESCAPE!
"HALP"!
I'M SO ♪ SCAREO!
OH NO! I NEVER KNEW THERE WERE SO MANY! ♪


NO, OON'T!
SHE'S TRYING TO PROVOKE YOU ALL!

YOU'LL MAKE FINE CORPSES YET THIS DAY!
FOLLOW ME, MY PRETTIES!

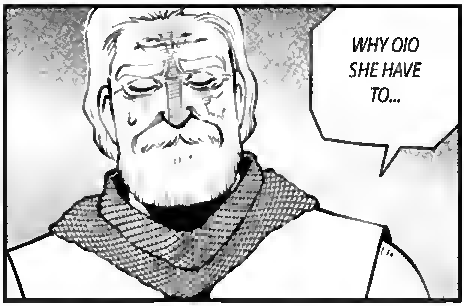
ALL WELL?
WE WERE JUST HAVING A CONVERSATION...
AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, I HAD ABANDONED MYSELF TO LUST...
I HAD DEFILED COURTLY LOVE...
SIR GÜNTHER...
I'VE MADE A HORRIBLE MISTAKE...
...!
ULRICH VON JUNGINGEN...
HE'S NOT MY FATHER, IS HE?
I ALSO KNOW...
BUT THAT WASN'T ALL...

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A MAN FRESH OFF THE BATTLEFIELD! ♪
MM-MMM, WHAT VIRILITY... ♪
IS YOUR WOUND BOTHERING YOU?
WH... WHAT SHALL I SAY TO HIS MAJESTY?

NOTHING STUPIO, I HOPE!
ANYWAY, IF MY HUSBAND REFUSES TO SEE ME, HE KNOWS WHAT'S HAPPENEO!
BUT THEN... HE'S ALREADY HAD MOST OF MY YOUTH!
AND MISTRESSES LEFT AND RIGHT!
YOU JEST, SURELY?
YOUR MOTHER MUST HAVE BEEN A VERY BEAUTIFUL WOMAN!
SHE WAS A OANCER IN AN ITINERANT TROUPE, ANO SHE SNAREO YOUR FATHER AT A BANQUET, RIGHT?
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY M...?
HEH HEH HEH, THE RESEMBLANCE IS UNCANNY!
BUT FOR THE VOICE AND THE CHIN, YOU ARE THE SPITTING IMAGE OF YOUR FATHER!
WH... WHAT ARE YOU...

...!!
EVEN IF I AM ONLY YOUR STEPMOTHER, OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS A NICE "FORBIOOEN" RING, OOESN'T IT? ♪
IT'S GOOO TO SEE MY HUSBANO AGAIN IN HIS YOUTH! ♪

YOU KNEW, OION'T YOU?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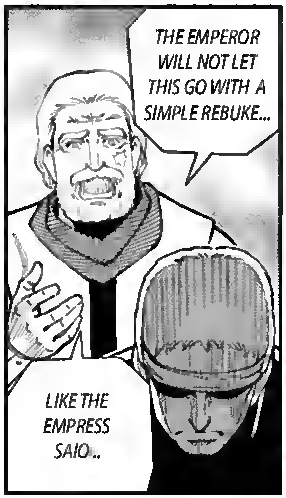
THE EMPEROR WILL NOT LET THIS GO WITH A SIMPLE REBUKE...
LIKE THE EMPRESS SAIO..

I'M A MISERABLE WRETCH...
AFTER ALL THE EMPEROR'S DONE FOR ME, THIS IS HOW I THANK HIM...

FORGIVE ME, BUT I WAS HOPING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT TO TELL YOU...
AFTER ALL, HIS MAJESTY HAS NO MALE HEIR...
STOP IT!

I CAN NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF FOR THIS...
NOR CAN GOD EVER FORGIVE ME...
SIRE...!
THERE'S NO POINT TORMENTING YOURSELF OVER THIS!
MY LORDS, IT'S AWFUL!
WHAT'S HAPPENING!?
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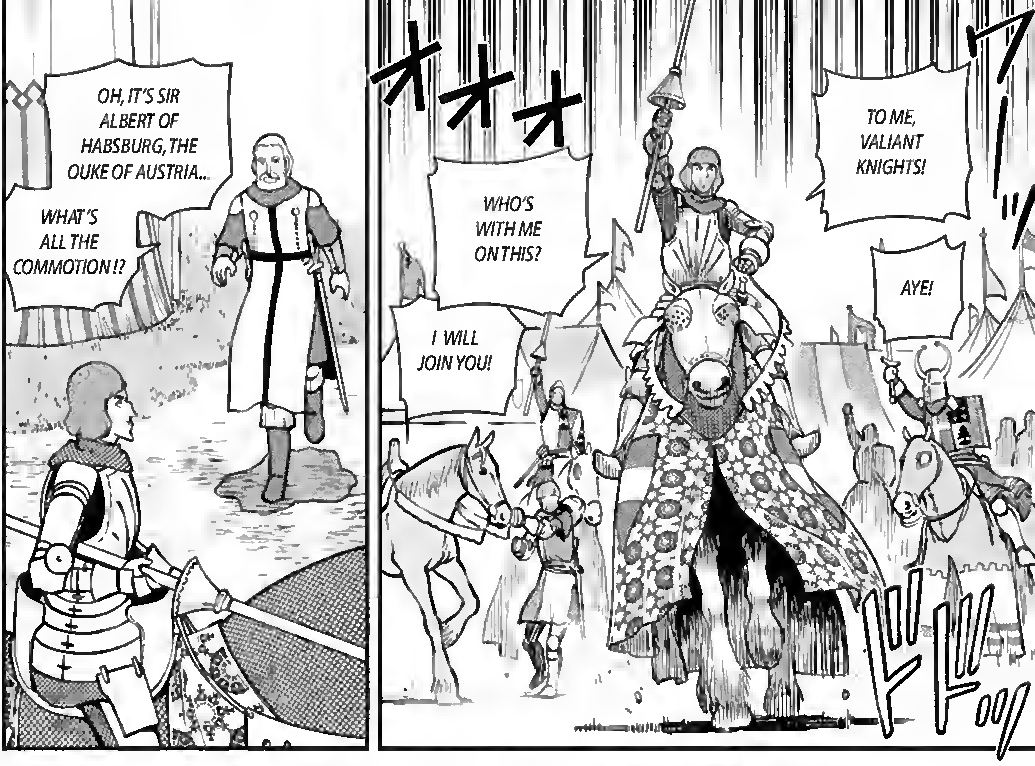
OH, IT'S SIR ALBERT OF HABSBURG, THE OUKE OF AUSTRIA...
WHAT'S ALL THE COMMOTION!?
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TO ME, VALIANT KNIGHTS!
WHO'S WITH ME ON THIS?
AYE!
I WILL JOIN YOU!
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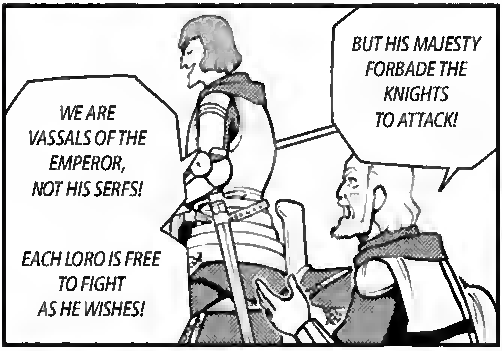
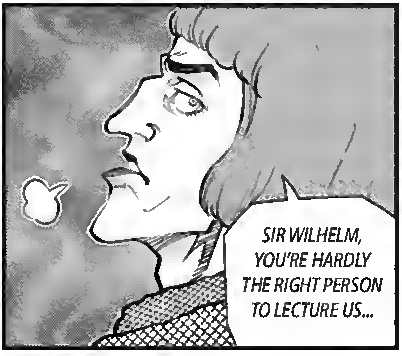
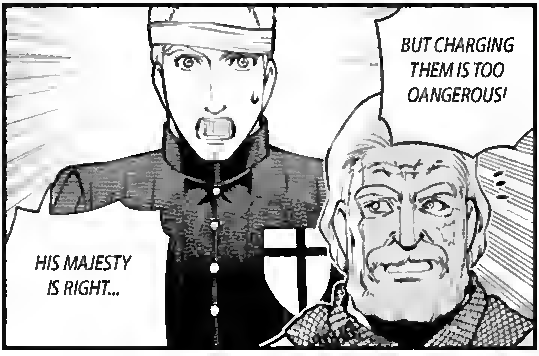
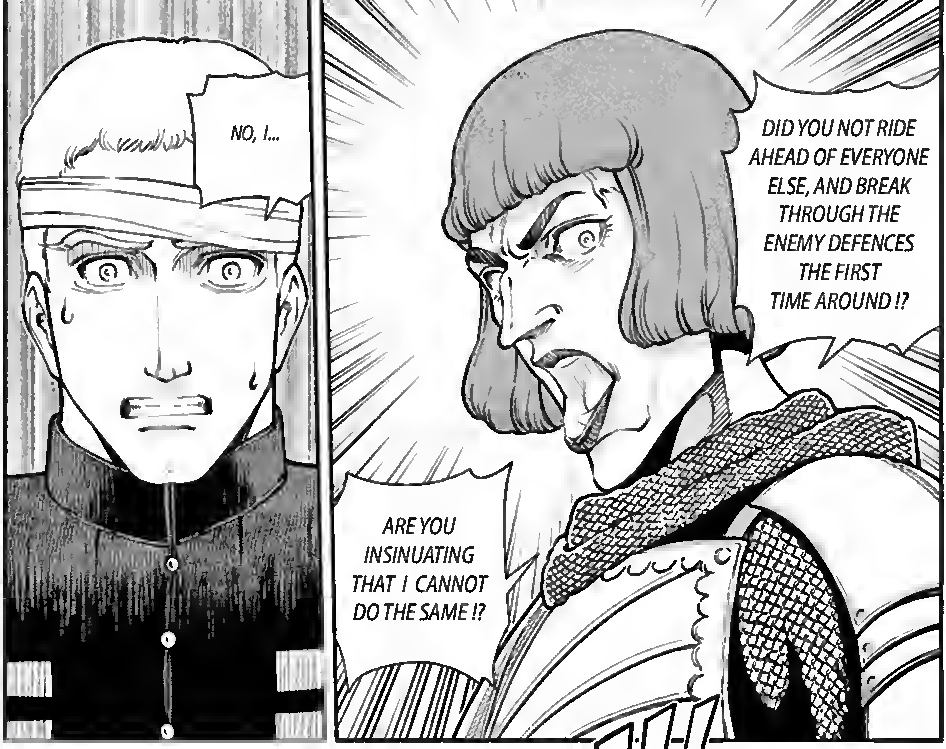

BUT HIS MAJESTY FORBADE THE KNIGHTS TO ATTACK!
WE ARE VASSALS OF THE EMPEROR, NOT HIS SERFS!
EACH LORD IS FREE TO FIGHT AS HE WISHES!

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? WE'RE GONNA SMASH THOSE HERETICS TO SMITHEREENS!


SIR WILHELM, YOU'RE HARDLY THE RIGHT PERSON TO LECTURE US...


BUT CHARGING THEM IS TOO DANGEROUS!
HIS MAJESTY IS RIGHT...


NO, I...
DID YOU NOT RIDE AHEAD OF EVERYONE ELSE, AND BREAK THROUGH THE ENEMY DEFENCES THE FIRST TIME AROUND!?
ARE YOU INSINUATING THAT I CANNOT DO THE SAME!?

FORWARD!
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YOU REFUSE TO OBEY YOUR EMPEROR?

NO, TURN BACK!

IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN...
JUST LIKE THE LAST TIME...

SOME KNIGHTS HAVE DECIDED TO CHARGE ON THEIR OWN...
THEY REFUSE TO BE DISSUADED!

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WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON!?

KILL ALL THE HERETICS!
CHARGE!

HA HA HA! THE FOOLS COME CHARGING AGAIN! GOOD THING THEY HAVE SHORT MEMORIES!
YOU KNOW THE DRILL!
LET THEM COME, AND PICK THEM OFF!
AYE!

ARGH!
YAAAH!
YEAH!
IF THEY WANNA COME INSIDE, JUST WAVE 'EM IN WITH THIS!
HEY, CHECK THIS OUT!
BRAVO! ♪
SCUM!
LET'S GET TO WORK!
RESUME THE HARVEST!

GAH!
GOIN' DOWN!
TARGET THOSE ISOLATED!
DON'T GO IN TOO DEEP!
OWW MY KNEES
DIG DEEP! DIG!
KEEP GOING! GET 'EM ALL!
SIR ALBERT, OUR RIDERS HAVE FALLEN! WE MUST RETREAT!
WHAT!? AGAINST THESE UNBELIEVERS!?
RUNG!

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WE, THE NOBLE...
NO... I REFUSE TO ACCEPT...
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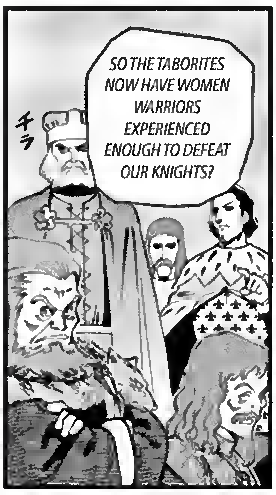
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

IT'S YOUR REPUTATION THAT ALLOWS YOU TO KEEP YOUR LAND AND YOUR POWER!
SO WHEN AN INFERIOR STARTS CHALLENGING, YOU CAN'T BACK DOWN...
YOU HAFTA CHARGE, ALL THE WAY UPFRONT, AND PROVE THAT YOU'RE "STRONG"!
HU!!!
WELL, OBVIOUSLY...
'COS KNIGHTS MUST BE "STRONG"...
SHADDAP !!
LIKE MOTHS TO A FLAME! ♪

OUR SOLDIERS AND MERCENARIES ARE GETTING INCREASINGLY NERVOUS!
DESPITE OUR REPEATED CHARGES, THE ENEMY CAMP STILL STANDS!
THE THIRD DETACHMENT, LED BY THE MARGRAVE OF MEISSEN, AND THE FOURTH BY THE DUKE OF AUSTRIA HAVE BEEN DEFEATED!
THE MARGRAVE DF BRANDENBURG AND THE ARCHBISHDP OF CDLDGNE ARE CURRENTLY PREPARING TD LEAD THE FIFTH DETACHMENT...
GRRR...


SO THE TABORITES NOW HAVE WOMEN WARRIORS EXPERIENCED ENOUGH TO DEFEAT OUR KNIGHTS?

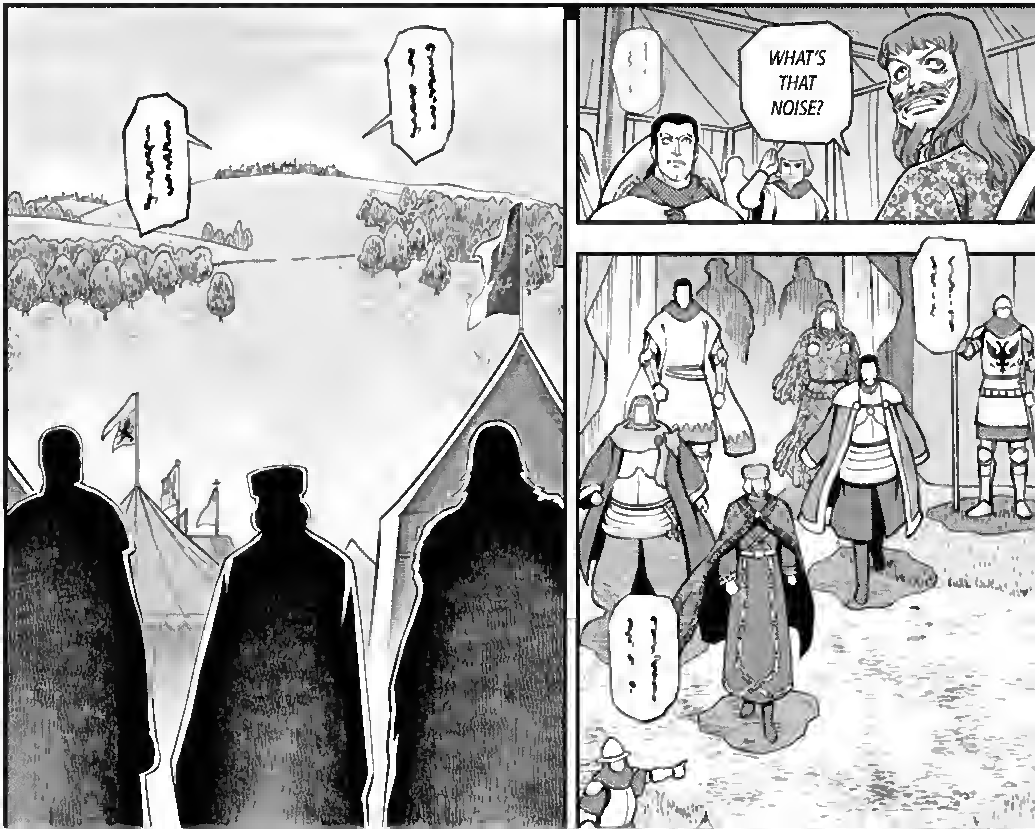
WHAT, ANOTHER WDMAN?

A FEMALE COMBATANT RDDE IN TD ENGAGE AND PROVOKE THEM!
THE ENEMY IS USING OUR KNIGHTS' VALOUR AGAINST THEM, SIRE!
LDRD GARA!

THEY'RE ALL STARING MENACINGLY AT ME!
SHE'S GOT TO GET OUTTA HERE!
THE SITUATION COULD DETERIORATE FURTHER AT ANY MOMENT
I WAS ALSO IN COMMAND OF THE CRUSADING ARMY THEN..
TWENTY-FOUR YEARS?
BULGARIA, THE BATTLE OF NICOPOLIS..
IT'S MY DISHONOUR OF TWENTY FOUR YEARS AGO...
REPEATING ITSELF...

SINGING!
HUH?
THE WORDS
I HEAR SINGING!
APPARENTLY, I HAVE LEARNED NOTHING IN THE YEARS SINCE..
AND I FAILED THEN, BECAUSE THEY TOO, CONTAINED THE CHARGING KNIGHTS...*
SIRE.

* AT THE BATTLE OF NICOPOLIS IN 1396, THE CRUSADER ARMY UNDER SIGISMUND WAS DEFEATED BY THE OTTOMANS, LED BY BAYEZID I



O YE SOLDIERS, GOD'S OWN WARRIORS
O WARRIORS OF HIS LAW
PRAY TO HE WHO COMES TO AID YOU-
IN HIM ALWAYS PLACE YOUR FAITH-
AND WITH HIM YOU ALWAYS
WILL BE VICTOR-IOUS!

THEY'RE ALL OUT THERE, FIGHTING...
I WANT TO JOIN THEM...
SHUSH!
AND THOSE WHO DIE IN HIS SERVICE SHALL LIVETH FOR-
CHRIST IS WORTH YOUR SACRIFICES, AND REWARDS A HUNDRED-FOLD...
CHRIST IS WORTH YOUR SACRIFICES AND REWARDS A HUNDRED-FOLD
AND THOSE WHO DIE IN HIS SERVICE SHALL LIVETH FOREVER MORE
JOHANN, BRING MY ARMOUR!
SIRE!?
IF THE KNIGHTS CANNOT BE STOPPED, THEN THE EMPEROR HIMSELF MUST LEAD!
IT IS THE ONLY WAY!
INFORM ALL THE CRUSADERS!
VERY GOOD!

UGH...
HIS MAJESTY INTENDS TO LEAD...
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THE FOURTH DETACHMENT IN WHICH I RODE IS NO MORE...
BUT WE HAVE EXHAUSTED THE ENEMY'S AMMUNITION!
GOD PRESERVE ME SHDULD I HAVE TO REJDIN THE FRONT LINE!
LOOK OUT!
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THY BRAVERY HONDURS THEE, SIR KNIGHT!
THOU SHALT BEAR OUR STANDARD AND RALLY OUR MEN!
YDUR MAJESTY IS TOO KIND!

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YOUR MAJESTY !!
GAH!

JAN ŽIŽKA!
ARE YOU HURT!?
ONLY A SCRATCH...
TSK... PITY!
YOU...
ALONE? 'COURSE NOT!
COMING HERE ALL ALONE RIGHT INTO OUR MIDST?
YOUR ARROGANCE BETRAYS YOU!
CAPTAIN!

YAAAH!
!!
ARGH!
EEK!
TENT'S COLLAP SING!
SIRE!

THE ENEMY IS ATTACKING!
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THE ENEMY STORMED THE EMPEROR'S TENT!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHAT!?
PRAGUE CASTLE IS FLYING THE ENEMY'S FLAG!?
LOOK!

WE ARE SAVED!
INCREDIBLE... EVERYTHING HAPPENED JUST AS ŽIŽKA HAD PREDICTED!
THE CRUSADER CAMP IS IN COMPLETE DISARRAY!
LORD WARTENBERG, WE'VE DONE IT!
SYMBOLS OF DEPRAVITY ALL!
PAINTINGS, STATUES, DECORATIONS... DESTROY EVERYTHING IN THE CASTLE!
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ALL RIGHT?
YES, THANKS!
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IF HIS MAJESTY IS RETREATING, THEN I MUST REJOIN HIM!
HUH?
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WE HAVE LOST THE DAY, METHINKS!

SMOOCH!
YOU BETTER RUN OFF AND FIND YOUR COMPANIONS
TAKE CARE NOW!
HOLD ON! I... I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU..
WELL THEN, I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT!
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TILL WE MEET AGAIN!
THE TYRANT, DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!
OH, IT'S THAT MAN!
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OH NO!
THEY'LL CATCH UP FOR SURE!
THEY'RE GAINING ON US!
WE MUST PROTECT THE EMPEROR NO MATTER WHAT!
HURRAH! IT'S THE EMPRESS!
AS LONG AS WE REACH...
OVER HERE, MY LORD!
QUICKLY!

BULL'S EYE!
WELL DONE, ČAPEK!
SIRE!
AAH!
MY LORD!
AND SO, IT APPEARS MY ROAD ENDS HERE.
COVER HIS MAJESTY!

IF YOU WANT THE EMPEROR...
YOU'LL HAVE TO GET BY ME!
I'LL HOLD THEM OFF!
GET HIS MA JESTY OUT OF HERE!
WE ARE IN YOUR DEBT, SIR WILHELM!
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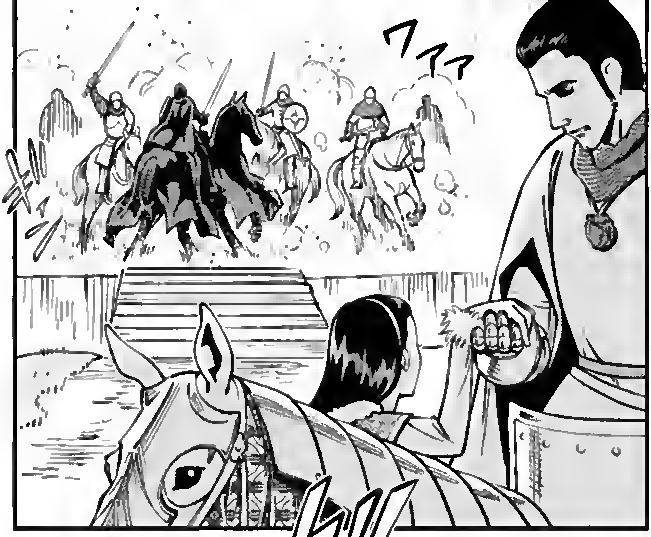
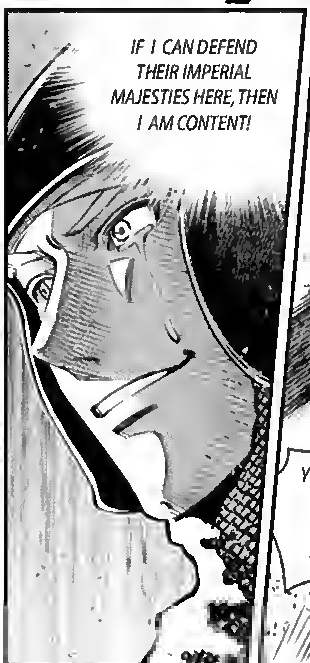
HE'S STILL ALIVE, THAT BASTARD KNIGHT!

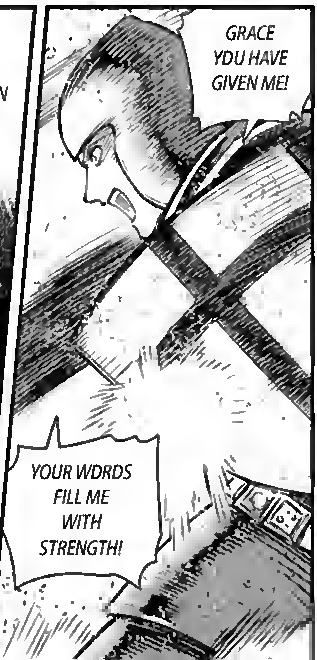
YOU WILL PAY DEARLY FOR THIS CROSSING!
KILL HIM !!
HE'S THE REASON WE LOST OUR CIRCLE!
MY LORD!
I'LL CARRY HIS MAJESTY!
ATTEND TO HIM, QUICKLY!
YOU MUST HASTEN TOO, MY LADY!
HE'S DELIRIOUS...
DEFEAT THE HERETICS..
MUST...
SURPASS MY FATHER...



MY LORD...
THE INDIGNITY...

I WILL NOT YIELD, EVEN IF IT MEANS MY LIFE!
DAMMIT, HE WON'T BUDGE!


IF I CAN DEFEND THEIR IMPERIAL MAJESTIES HERE, THEN I AM CONTENT!


GRACE YDU HAVE GIVEN ME!
YOUR WDRDS FILL ME WITH STRENGTH!

GOOD SIR WILHELM!
NONE HAS DONE MORE TO HONOUR CHIVALRY THAN YOU!
NEVER SHALL I FORGET YOUR BRAVERY AND LOYALTY!

AND AS FOR YOU, JAN ŽIŽKA!
I SHALL MAKE YOU PAY FOR THIS INSULT, A HUNDRED TIMES OVER!
MARK MY WORDS !!
HAH!

PLEASE, SPARE ME!
YOU'LL GET A RANSOM!
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ONWARD! SCATTER THE ENEMY!
BURN EVERY-THING!
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NOW, NOW, NO NEED TO BEG..
'COS WE'RE SPARIN' NOBODY!
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STOP!
HI!!!
ŠÁRKA !?
HOW'S EVERY-ONE?
OHH !?
SORRY TO HAVE WORRIED YOU ALL...
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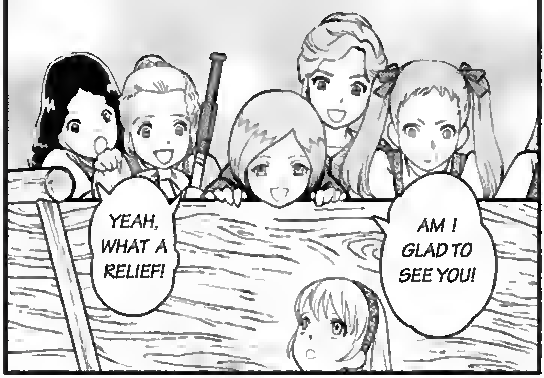
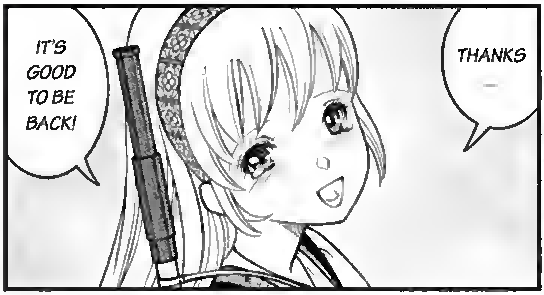
YOU'RE ALIVE !! CAN THIS BE TRUE !?
HOW !? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT !!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE !?
AND WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE NICE CLOTHES !?
THE MAN WHO SAVED MY LIFE IS IN DANGER!
BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT!


YEAH, WHAT A RELIEF!
AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!

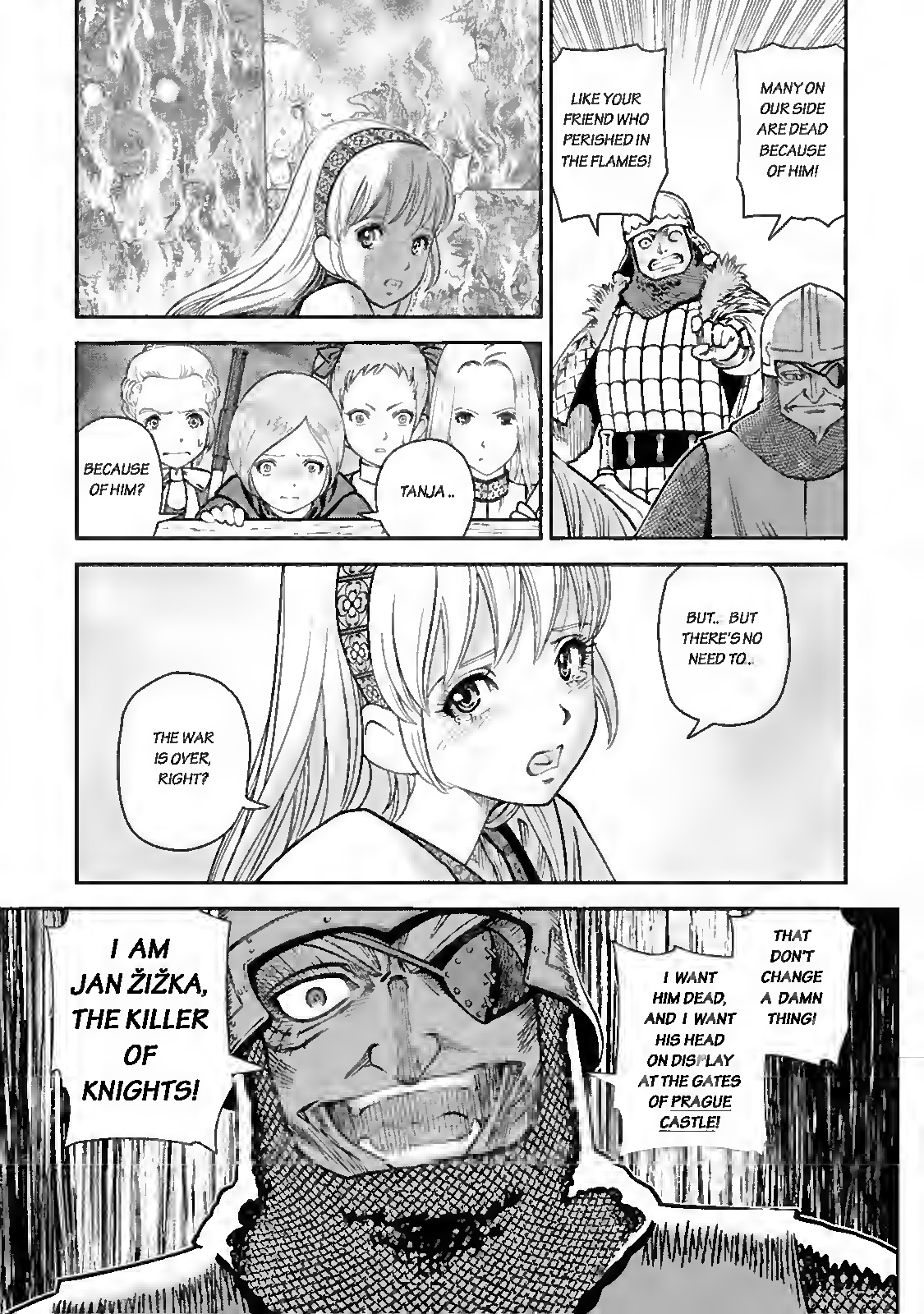
THANK YOU, FATHER!
WELL, HOP ON!


IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!
THANKS

WHOOPS!
HYAA!
ガラララ…!

GOD BE PRAISED... HIS MAJESTY IS SAFE...
CURSES, HE GOT AWAY!
HE'S STILL BREATHING?
HOW MANY OF OURS DID HE KILL?
ŠÁRKA, IS IT REALLY YOU!?
HOLY SH...
DON'T KILL THAT MAN!
WAIT!
WELL, LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!

I OWE HIM MY LIFE!
THIS MAN SAVED ME FROM THE FLAMES!
JUST HANG IN THERE, OKAY?
SCREW THAT! NO THANKS TO YOUR LITTLE YELP, SIGISMUND GOT AWAY!
I-I'M SORRY, IT JUST CAME OUT .
SAVE YOUR COMPASSION, LITTLE ONE.
D'YOU HEAR THAT? THIS BASTARD IS PRACTICALLY BEGGING FOR IT!
NO!
DEATH WILL NOW PROVIDE ME THE FINAL STANZA TO THE BALLAD THAT IS MY CURSED EXISTENCE
MY HONOUR AS A KNIGHT IS FOREVER SHATTERED, TOGETHER WITH MY FLEETING LOVE ..


LIKE YOUR FRIEND WHO PERISHED IN THE FLAMES!
MANY ON OUR SIDE ARE DEAD BECAUSE OF HIM!
BECAUSE OF HIM?
TANJA ..
BUT.. BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO..
THE WAR IS OVER, RIGHT?
I AM JAN ŽIŽKA, THE KILLER OF KNIGHTS!
I WANT HIM DEAD, AND I WANT HIS HEAD ON DISPLAY AT THE GATES OF PRAGUE CASTLE!
THAT DON'T CHANGE A DAMN THING!

YEAH, WELL I'M ŠÁRKA, THE ANGEL OF WAR!
PFFT!
HGNGN ...
...!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
GOTTA ADMIT, THAT'S A GREAT COME-BACK!
NICE ONE!

GIVEN THE STATE OF THE KINGDOM, I THINK I'LL LEAVE THE MANHUNT FOR FALLEN ENEMY KNIGHTS TO MY FELLOW BOHEMIANS!
HE WHO WANTED TO DIE WILL SOON KNOW A FATE MUCH WORSE!
HEH HEH!
YOU'RE TOO SOFT, Y'KNOW!
DAT WHAT YOU THINK?
I SUP-POSE...
JUST HURRY UP AND GET THIS MORON OUTTA MY SIGHT!
OH, THANK YOU, CAPTAIN ŽIŽKA!
AND THUS, THE CRUSADER ARMY OF OVER 100,000 MEN COLLAPSED...
AND THE HUSSITES REJOICED OVER THEIR MIRACULOUS VICTORY...
カラーン
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カラーン

IS IT MY TIME TO ENTER THE SCENE NOW, CARDINAL?
FOOL OF AN EMPEROR OVER-ESTIMATED HIS STRENGTH!
REGARDLESS, YOU CANNOT GO BACK TO HIS HOLINESS EMPTY-HANDED!
THUMP!
THUMP!
HOWEVER, THE BATTLE OF VÍTKOV HILL WAS BUT THE PROLOGUE TO A LONG AND BLOODY CONFLICT
WE SHOULD BE SAFE HERE...
JAN JISKRA, YOU ARE TO BESTOW ON THE HERETICS YOUR "CROSS OF BLOOD", YOU HEAR ME?
INDEED, YOU'VE BEEN KEPT UNDER WRAPS FOR JUST THIS SORT OF OCCASION...
AMEN! ♪
RAIN CALAMITY DOWN ON THE ENEMIES OF THE CHURCH...
AMEN!

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永崎らんか

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Dívčí Válka

by Kouichi Ohnishi

解説 乙女戦争の時代 2

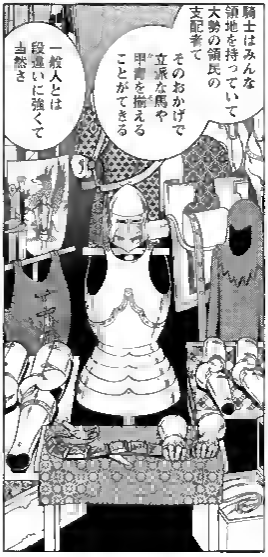
Dívčí Válka | ディーヴチー・ヴァールカ

ここでは本作品で描かれている舞台の時代背景について解説します。
今回は15世紀ヨーロッパの「騎士」の世界と「中帝_星后」、
革新をもたらした「フス派の武器」について取り上げます。

文・大西巷一

其の一 騎士とは？

作品の舞台である15世紀初頭は衰退期だった。



騎士こそは中世の戦場の花形です。鉄の鎧をまとい、巨大な軍馬を駆る騎士たちの密集突撃は最強の戦法でした。

ヨーロッパでは14世紀頃から製鉄技術が大いに発達し、騎士の鎧は鎖帷子から鉄板の鎧に変わりつつありました。甲冑の重さは20～30キロ、剣や槍、盾などの武装備を合わせて30～40キロほどでした。現代の兵士の装備も同じくらいの重さになりますが、甲冑の重さは全身にバランス良く分散されるので見た目以上に身軽に動けました。

騎士が乗る軍馬は競走馬より馬車馬に近い大型の馬（重種馬）で、体重は軽自動車並みの1トン近くになりました。軽自動車か槍を付けて何十台・何百台も突進してくることを想像すると、騎士の突撃の恐ろしさがわかると思います。

騎士一人の武装を賄うには500ヘクタールの領地が必要だったと言われます。騎士は自分の領地を保証してもらう代わりに、主君に軍事力を提供するという契約関係（封建主従関係）を結んでいました。このあたりは日本の中世の武士とよく似ています。騎士は一人一人

主な宗教騎士団
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（ホスピタル騎士団）

赤地に白十字の紋章。
11世紀初めに設立。
聖地喪失後は地中海の
ロードス島に拠点を移し
イスラム教徒と戦っている

テンプル騎士団

白地に赤十字の紋章
11世紀初めに設立。
金融業によって
莫大な財産を築き
14世紀初めに、
フランス王によって
壊滅させられた。

ドイツ騎士団
（チュートン騎士団）

白地に黒十字の紋章。
12世紀後半に設立。
聖地喪失後
プロイセンに拠点を移す
1410年にポーランドに
敗れ大打撃を受けた。

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（典爵騎士団）

ガーター騎士団

イングランド王
エドワード3世が設立。
貴婦人が落とした
靴下留めの
逸話に因む。

金羊毛騎士団

15世紀中頃
ブルゴーニュ公
フィリップが設立
黄金の羊を求めた
ギリシア神話の
アルゴー探検隊に因む。

ドラゴン騎士団

15世紀初め
ハンガリー
シギスムントが設立。
首に足をかき付け
十字を背負う
ドラゴンがシンボル。

が領主として半ば独立した存在で、プライドも高く、主君が絶対服従を強制するのは難しかったようです。

社会的エリートでもある騎士は勇敢に戦うだけでなく、礼節、慈愛、寛容といった美徳（騎士道精神）を備えることも求められました。主君に仕えるかのように既婚の貴婦人に奉仕する宮廷恋愛が流行し、華やかな槍試合の舞台で意中のレディに求愛するなど、競って理想的な騎士像を演じました。

当時いくつも作られていた「騎士団」には宗教騎士団と世俗騎士団の二種類がありました。前者は教会に所属する騎士団で、巡礼者保護のために中東で結成された《聖ヨハネ騎士団》《テンプル騎士団》《ドイツ騎士団》などが異教徒との戦いで大いに活躍しました。後者は国王や大貴族によって作られた騎士団で、《ガーター騎士団》《金羊毛騎士団》《ドラゴン騎士団》などがありますが、こちらは主に宮廷の有力者限定で儀礼的・遊戯的側面の強いものでした。

騎士の全盛期は11～13世紀頃と言われ、15世紀初頭のこの頃は騎士にとって斜陽の時代でした。だからこそ宮廷で煽動・類廃した騎士道文化が花開いていたのかもしれません。都市と貨幣経済が発達して、農村を基盤とする騎士の地位は低下しました。戦術の発達によって歩兵や弓兵が騎士を破るケースも散見されるようになり、傭兵の活躍も目立つようになりました。さらに15世紀以降の大砲や銃の発達が追い打ちをかけていきます。フス戦争の時代は騎士の時代から歩兵と火器の時代へ移り変わる過渡期でした。

其の二

ジギスムントとバルバラ

複数の冠を持つ皇帝と有能だが破天荒な后妃。

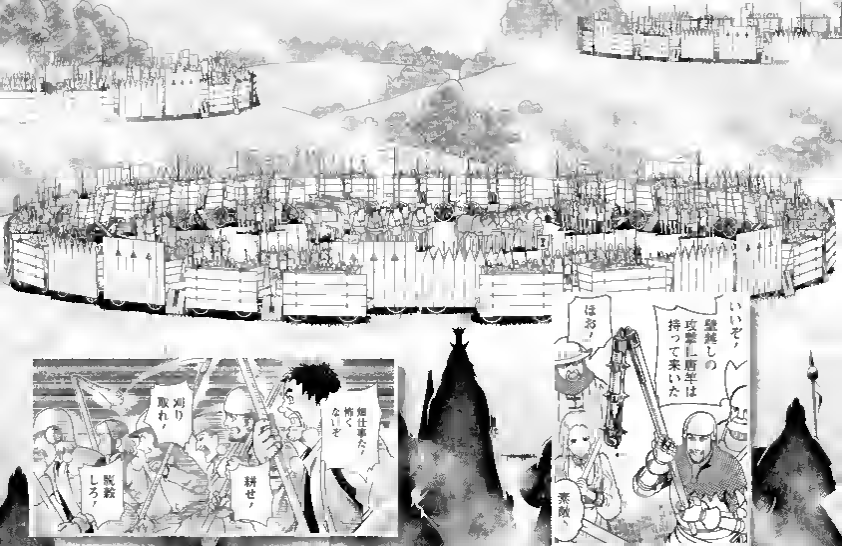
ジギスムントはドイツの名門貴族ルクセンブルク家の出身で、ハンガリー王にして神聖ローマ皇帝でした。

当時のハンガリー王国は現在のスロバキア、スロヘニア、クロアチア、トランシルヴァニアなども含む大国でした。神聖ローマ帝国はほぼ現在のドイツにあたり、皇帝は名目上全ヨーロッパの世俗界の最高君主でした。

1410年に神聖ローマ皇帝に選出されたジギスムントは精力的に外交活動を行いました。自らスペイン、フランス、イングランド、ロシアなどを歴訪し、その行動範囲の広さは歴代皇帝随一だと思われます。最大の成果は大国際会議とも言えるコンスタンツ公会議を開催し、教皇庁の再統一を果たしたことです。

ジギスムントが不在の際に国王代理としてハンガリーを統治したのが后のバルバラでした。スロベニアの有力貴族ヘルマン・フォン・ツィーリの娘で、才色兼備の非常に有能な女性でしたが、王の留守中に美男子を集めて逆ハーレムを作るなどの不品行により謹慎処分も受けています。無神論者であったとも錬金術に長けていたとも言われ、当時の倫理観から大きくかけ離れていたようです。

ジギスムントとバルバラは《トラゴン騎士団》を創設し、ハンガリーの有力諸侯とヨーロッパ各国の君主たち20数名が名を連ねました。ジギスムントはかつて十字軍を率いてオスマン帝国と戦って大敗してもいり（1396年ニコポリスの戦い）、それ以来、政治的にも宗教的にも混沌としていたヨーロッパを団結させて外敵に対抗しようという壮大な構想を抱いていたようです。



其の三

フス派の武器

画期的な新戦術と農具から生まれた武器。

ヤン・ジシュカは戦場で荷車を並べて即席の砦を作る《ワゴンブルク戦術》を編み出しました。輸送用の荷車を野営陣地に利用したり即興で戦闘に利用されることはそれまでにもありましたが、ジシュカはそれを戦術の中核に据えました。荷車は厚板を付け加えるなど戦闘用に改良され、そのまま戦闘単位にもなりました。ワゴン1台当たり10～20名の兵士が配属され、御者の他6名の弩兵と2名の銃兵、残りは歩兵というのが標準でした。

ワゴンブルク戦術は騎士に対して特に効果的でした。荷車で突撃を防ぎつつ弩や銃火器で応戦し、敵が攻撃を諦めて後退すると歩兵や騎兵を繰り出して追撃する　というのが典型的な戦い方でした。

なお、作中で描いたヴィトコフの戦いでは実際にはワゴンブルクは使われず、フス派側は元からあった木造の砦を使って十字軍の騎士たちを撃退しました。

ターボル軍の兵士は農民出身者が多かったため　剣や槍ではなく、使い慣れた農具が武器に転用されました。鋤や鍬や草刈用の大鎌、手斧、槌、ボア・スピア（狩猟用の槍）、干し草用の熊手、脱穀用の唐竿などです。特に鉄のトゲを施した唐竿（**フレイル**）は、荷車の板壁越しに甲冑を着た騎士を攻撃するのに最適だったようで、フス派の象徴的な武器となりました。

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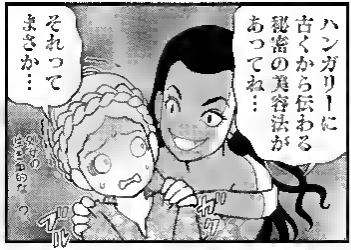
美しきバルちゃん



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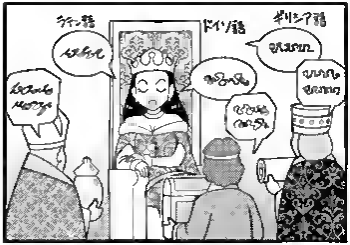
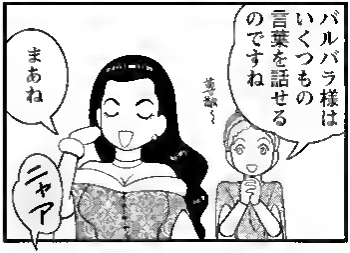
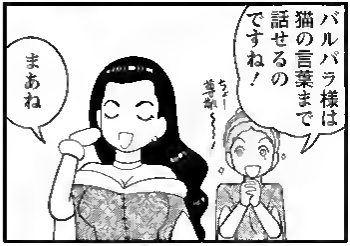




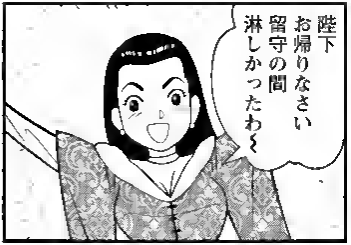


※ちなみにハンカリーの「血の伯爵夫人」は200年後の話

淫らなバルちゃん

※ちなみに女性の性欲過剰はニンフォマニアと呼ばれます。

愛しきバルちゃん



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しかし安息の日々は未だ訪れず――――

新たな仲間たちとともに、新たな戦いの幕が開く――――!!

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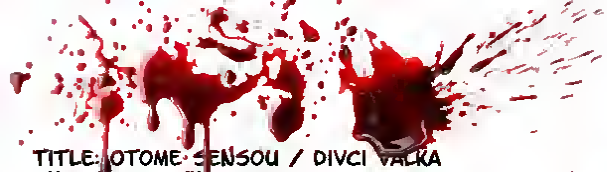

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